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Move to cut unemployment

Overseas medical staff face Fowler immigration curb

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Overseas doctors and dentists will be virtually banned from entering Britain to practise from next month because of the growing unemployment problems faced by home-trained medical staff.

Announcing the move in the Commons last night, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said immigration rules would be tightened from April 1 to end unrestricted access because the United Kingdom was now "essentially self-sufficient in its supply of doctors and dentists."

His decision comes in the wake of a British Medical Association survey which revealed that 20 per cent of junior doctors have been unemployed at some stage during the past two years, 40 per cent of them for more than two months.

The annual flow of overseas doctors to Britain has been between 1,500 and 2,000, with aboutt 150 foreign dentists arriving.

The new rules are aimed particularly at doctors from the new Commonwealth and dentists from Australia and will not apply to those from the EEC. An exception is also being made for overseas doctors and dentists arriving for postgraduate training in hospitals, who will be admitted for up to four years before requiring special permits.

The British Medical Association said last night: "We have expressed concern for some time at the exemption of overseas doctors and dentists from immigration controls. We welcome this decision of the Government to bring them into line with other groups."

Outlining the reasoning behind the government action, Mr Fowler told MPs that a programme of medical and dental school expansion started in the late 1960s had achieved the object of making good the shortfall in home-trained medical and dental students.

The change in immigration rules would ensure "we do not encourage doctors and dentists to come here with expectations which the health service cannot fulfill".

Without such action there was a "real risk of over-supply".

Mr Fowler emphasized that the changes would not affect the position of foreign doctors and dentists already working in Britain and he paid tribute to their contribution to the nation's health care.

Until now, practitioners with qualifications acceptable to the General Medical Council and the General Dental Council have been allowed to come and work here. The changes in the immigration rules, being put before Parliament by Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, will end the open-door policy and bring both groups into line with other overseas professionals seeking entry to work.

The new rules will almost certainly end the flow of both groups into Britain, because prospective employers in this country applying for work permits on their behalf will have to prove there is no UK or Common Market national capable of filling the post.

Doctors and dentists hoping to set up practice as self-employed practitioners will need £150,000 to invest in it and be able to demonstrate a need for their services.

Fears about the job prospects of dental students have already persuaded the Government to accept a recommendation from a dental manpower report advocating a 10 per cent cut in dental school intake. The cutback will be implemented this autumn.

Mr Fowler, who has been under growing pressure from the medical establishment to resolve the manpower imbalances in the medical professions, also published a report by the Advisory Committee for Medical Manpower Planning which was completed in January last year.

He told MPs that it contained different projections of the likely future pattern of supply and demand for doctors.

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Lisbon again: The Queen begins her visit to Portugal's capital with President Eanes at her side. She was last there in 1957. Report page 9.

50p pit levy is rejected in ballot

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

The first opportunity given to miners to express their views in a ballot on the conduct of the 12-month coal dispute has resulted in an embarrassing defeat for the leadership of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Figures released yesterday showed that in the ballot, called by the union executive to uthorise a 50p a week levy to support families of miners dismissed during the strike, 46 per cent voted in favour with 56 per cent rejecting the levy. Of an NUM membership of 186,000 only 27.1 per cent backed the executive.

Mr Arthur Scargill, NUM president, was in Moscow last night but Mr Peter Heathfield, the general secretary, said the ballot result was "disappointing but not unexpected". Leaders of working miners hailed the resit as a condemnation of the leadership's tactics during the strike.

The complete voting figures were: For the levy 50,429; against 58,721, on a 58.7 per cent poll. Areas including Nottinghamshire and South Derbyshire representing more than 20 per cent of th membership boycotted th ballot, otherwise the majori against the executive wou have been much higher.

The results will be reported tomorrow's meeting in Sheffie of the union executive, which also expected to take steps to end the 17-month overtime ban called in protest at the 1983 5.2 per cent pay offer. A decision to end the ban would clear the way for the National Coal Board to pay last year's increase and open discussions on this year's pay, where it has made an identical offer of 5.2 per cent already accepted by the other two mining unions.

The Scottish area of the union recorded a 75 per cent vote in support of the levy, which is hardly surprising as the board's Scottish area director Mr Albert Wheeler has taken a hard line against re-instatement of dismissed miners. In other areas miners are being re-employed after examinations of their dismissals, but the total of those not re-employed is still thought to be between 300 and 400.

NUM officials last night refused to give a detailed breakdown of the ballot votes but it is believed that areas of the union supporting the executive were Yorkshire, South Wales, Scotland, Kent, Durham and the Scottish craftsmen, but in many areas the "yes" vote was narrow.

It was outweighed by heavy votes against in many of the union's other 21 areas.

Mr Eric Clarke, secretary of the Scottish miners, said that while he was disappointed with the national vote he was heartened by the Scottish turnout.

Kremlin blames US for major's death

From Richard Owen, Moscow

In language reminiscent of the South Korean airliner crisis a year and a half ago, Moscow yesterday held the United States responsible for the killing of an American officer by a Soviet guard in East Germany, and accused Washington of spreading a "deliberately false version of what happened".

But the Kremlin described the shooting of Major Arthur Nicholson as tragic and regrettable, and said the Russian sentry who fired had acted "in strict compliance with military regulations".

Diplomats said neither Moscow nor Washington seemed prepared to allow the shooting to mar the prospect of improved East-West relations, after the accession to power of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov. Both superpowers had an interest in ensuring that the incident did not erupt into a crisis of "KAL proportions" one diplomat said.

Tass said a "stranger wearing camouflage gear" had been discovered on Sunday "on the territory of a restricted military installation", near the town of Ludwigslust in East Germany. The intruder had secretly approached a store of military *material* belonging to Soviet forces, had opened a window and taken photographs, but had been spotted by a Soviet sentry.

"Acting in strict compliance with military regulations the sentry demanded in Russian and German that the stranger stop", Tass said. "When he failed to comply and tried to flee, the sentry fired a warning shot in the air, but since the intruder still did not stop the sentry had to use his weapon. He fired and killed the intruder."

Tass made no mention of the American charge that Russian troops had prevented Sergeant Jess Schatz, who was with Major Nicholson, from giving him medical aid for an hour. It said Major Nicholson and Sergeant Schatz had driven into the "Military facility" despite clearly visible warning signs in Russian and German, and Sergeant Schatz had "covered Major Nicholson's espionage operations".

The incident was a flagrant violation of the 1947 agreement on military liaison missions in East Germany, Tass said, adding that American servicemen had committed such unlawful act before. It alleged that in August 1982 members of the American military mission had deliberately run down a Soviet Army officer and inflicted grievous bodily harm on him while they were "engaged in military reconnaisance in a restricted zone near Rorbek, in the Potsdam district".

Moscow had repeatedly drawn American attention to the "provocative and dangerous

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US invites friends for 'Star Wars'

From Frederick Bonnart
Luxembourg

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Secretary of Defence, has invited Nato, as well as Japan, Australia and Israel, to take part in the research programme for the Strategic Defence Initiative, the US plan for defence against nuclear missiles.

In a letter to ministers of defence of these countries, including France, made public at Nato's nuclear planning group in Luxembourg yesterday, he asks them to name in 60 days areas of research in which they want to participate. France, though a Nato ally, does not take part in the group.

A senior US Defence official was not exclusive but it was advantageous to be in at the beginning.

Mr Weinberger, emphasized that US security was linked inextricably, to that of its friends and allies. With the evident aim of preservation the image of allied unity in the early stages of the Geneva nuclear arms negotiations, he said that in any decision to deploy defensive systems allied security against aggression would be enhanced.

Mr Michael Heseltine, secretary of State for Defence, said last night that Britain believed the research programme should go ahead, and that "we have indicated that we would be very interested in talking about taking part".

Schools policy 'lacks hope for teachers'

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Government policies to educate children for the twenty-first century, announced in the Commons yesterday, were attacked by MPs and teachers' organizations for failing to give hope to the teaching profession.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, introducing his White Paper, said that education at school needed to develop the capacities of every pupil, and to promote the nation's ability to seize the "challenging opportunities of a technological and competitive world".

Many of his proposed reforms – to improve the curriculum, to introduce the AS examination, to ensure that teachers were assessed and to increase the number of parent governors at schools – were not a question of money. "The education service is a partnership," he said.

To Mr Giles Radice, Opposition spokesman on education, this remark about partnership had a hollow ring in a week in which the education of 500,000 children was being disrupted by teacher's strikes. "The truth is that he is fiddling while Rome burns," he said.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, the biggest teachers' union, said that, while parts of the White Paper could be supported, the overall effect was depressing.

"Higher standards cannot be achieved with poorer facilities and a dose of centralist rhetoric," he said, adding that the idea of legislation to force teachers to accept assessment would unite the whole profession in opposition.

This sentiment was echoed by the National Association for Head Teachers. Its general secretary, Mr David Hart, said the association would oppose any attempt to legislate to appraise teachers. "It is essential that we negotiate appraisal by agreement and not have it imposed on us," he said. "Legislation would be disastrous. The Government has to carry the teaching profession with it."

The local authorities were angry about Sir Keith's proposal for central government to take control of in-service training for teachers by means of a specific grant. Mrs Nicky Harrison, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities' education committee, said the AMA was considering boycotting the next meeting of the national steering group which administers technical and vocational education in schools.

There were words of welcome from the parents' organization, the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, which was in favour of the reforms on parent governors, and from the universities who approved of the new AS level exam for sixth-formers.

● A negotiated settlement in the Scottish teachers' dispute is still possible, Mr Fred Forrester, organizing secretary of the Educational Institute of Scotland said yesterday. A formula should be found which would allow for "a degree of independent judgement" on pay grievances, he said.

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Israel hints at scorched earth policy

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, issued a strong warning yesterday that Israel would implement a "scorched earth" policy in southern Lebanon if "terrorist" attacks against Israeli targets continued after the forthcoming withdrawal of the Israeli Army.

Israel Radio last night quoted Mr Rabin as telling a closed session of the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee that such a policy of "all out retaliation" would be pursued against those attacking Israel whenever and from whereever they operated in Lebanon.

During the meeting, Mr Rabin also claimed that Lebanon had now become a greater focus of terrorism than before Israel's 1982 invasion, with the media and United Nations personnel among those under individual threat.

Meanwhile, Mr Ernest Leiser, vice-president of the Columbia Broadcasting System television network, last night withdrew earlier accusations by company executives that two members of a CBS crew shot in Lebanon last Thursday had been deliberately killed by the Israelis.

Although still demanding an inquiry into the incident, Mr Leiser said after a meeting with Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister: "I now believe, even without complete information, that it was certainly not a deliberate attempt to fire tank guns against our people."

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£58,000 rise for BP chairman

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The salary of Sir Peter Walters, chairman of British Petroleum, who recently announced a 60 per cent increase in his company's profits, rose by 32 per cent last year, from £183,134 to £241,547.

Sir Peter, however, is not BP's highest paid director. Mr Al Whitehouse, head of Sohio, BPs' US subsidiary, received £736,217 in 1984 compared with £668,104 the year before.

The average earnings of BP's UK employees rose by 10 per cent, with staff numbers dropping by 3,200 to 29,000. In the UK 130 BP employees earned more then £50,000 last year.

Sir Peter, whose salary includes a performance-related payment of £50,000, says in his annual report, to be presented to shareholders on May 2: "Success in technology, as in commerce, requires not just many good people, but a fair share of the very best".

Neves's life 'hanging by a thread'

From Patrick Knight
São Paülo

Brazil's President-elect, Senhor Tancredo Neves, was operated on for the third time in 12 days yesterday, in an attempt to stem acute abdominal haemorrhaging.

He had been taken here in an Air Force jet from Brasilia for the operation at the Heart Institute of São Paülo's teaching hospital. But politicians visiting the hospital, said his life was hanging by a thread.

According to an official bulletin, issued after tests at the São Paülo teaching hospital's heart institute, the best equipped unit in Brazil, the haemorrhage was at the point of the first operation.

The haemorrhage started shortly after Senhor Neves had posed at his hospital in Brasilia for the first photograph since being taken to hospital 12 days ago. Photographs of the President-elect appeared on the front pages of all the newspapers

Shell losing money on petrol sales

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Shell UK, which made profits of £383 million last year after paying £3,700 million in tax, excise duties and royalties from its North Sea oil fields, confirmed yesterday that it was losing money at the petrol pumps.

The company, which competes with Esso for market leadership at the petrol stations, lost £35 million on oil refining and petrol sales last year, the first time that a loss has been reported by the refining and marketing sector.

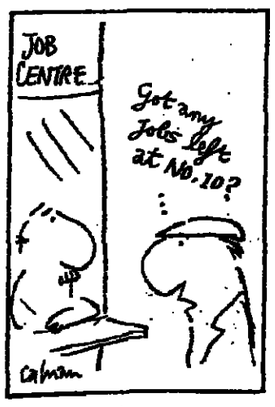
Shell yesterday described its petrol sales as miserable, but said that changes in its refining operations would put them back into profit this year.

Last night Esso announced that it was cutting the forecourt price of diesel by 0.25p a litre to bring the price to 196.4p a gallon.

However, rising spot market rates in Rotterdam for petrol are cancelling any advantage created by the strengthening pound. Industrial diesel prices are being cut by Esso by 0.3p a litre a

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Young jobless angered by meeting with Thatcher



By Colin Hughes

Young unemployed Merseysiders who yesterday confronted the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street with a demand for jobs came away empty handed and angry.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher told them that "everything that's going, Merseyside is getting", but it was not in her or anyone else's power to make promises.

Miss Rita Kneale, one of the group of 25 who travelled from Knowsley to bring home their frustration about the 44 per cent unemployment rate in their area, said after the two-hour meeting: "She just wouldn't listen, she gave us no hope and no future.

"We didn't come down just to find jobs for the 25 of us, but for all the 10,000 like us back in Knowsley."

Miss Kneale, aged 26, who spent three years in Hamburg before being made redundant from a factory there while trying to train at night to be a bilingual secretary, added: "She could only tell us that if we went elsewhere we would find work.

"Well, I've been hundreds of miles on my bike, and I've been three years without a job. She said she was sympathetic and understood, but she'll get up tomorrow and she'll have forgotten all about us."

The group, accompanied by Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Knowsley North, also met personnel directors from Vauxhall, Trust House Forte and I. J. Dewhirst, as well as the North-west Jobcentre area manager and the Merseyside careers officer.

Mr Kilroy-Silk said: "The assumption behind those doors was that if they get up and look forward and have personal meetings with Job-centre managers, everything will turn out fine, as if they have not tried that already".

Mr George Beech, aged 23, who has four O levels and an A level but has worked only one month since leaving school five years ago, said: "She just kept telling us about how they were creating an extra 80 places on the MSC community programme in Knowsley.

At question time in the House of Commons earlier Mrs Thatcher said that she would "put it to them that the economy is expanding, that investment is at an all-time record, the standard of living is at an all-time high and that there are great expansions in the Youth Training Scheme from which they will benefit".

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, told her: "That advice cuts no ice and no dole queues."

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Foreign investors given government promise on free choice of regions

By Jonathan Davis, Business Correspondent

The Government gave a public assurance yesterday to foreign companies looking to invest in Britain that it would not try to direct them to invest in any particular region of the country.

Two Cabinet ministers said that foreign companies would be free to build new factories and create new jobs wherever they wished without political interference.

The public commitment was given by Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and by Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales. They were speaking at the launch of a co-ordinated government effort to attract investment to Britain.

The campaign, called "Britain means Business", is a joint venture supported by government funds and by several large private companies, including banks.

It will run until the end of the year, and for the first time brings together all the regional agencies promoting investment in Britain. The bodies include the Scottish Development Agency, and parallel programmes are organized in Wales and Northern Ireland.

Mr Edwards said that it was not a recipe for success to force people to go where they did not want to go.

Mr Tebbit, who announced the launch of the new campaign, conceded that the joint approach meant that the regional agencies would be competing against each other.

"We shall compete with each other for business, and that is a good thing" he said. "There is nothing wrong with England and Ulster, or Scotland and Wales, competing." That was the only way to be sure of producing the best business for the country as a whole.

The Government is hoping to build on what it regards as a highly successful year for inward investment last year, when 295 foreign-owned companies the highest number ever, decided to locate in the United Kingdom, a 36 per cent increase on 1983. They spent nearly £3,000 million on capital investment, and created 28,000 new jobs, also the highest ever, he said.

The campaign aims in particular to attract investment by American and Japanese companies, with ministers due to make promotional trips to both countries.

Mr Tebbit said that it was important to dispel the misapprehensions that foreigners still had in many cases about Britain: that its industrial relations record was poor for example and that it had a shortage of skills in key areas.

● An attempt to attract £60 million investment and create 2,000 jobs in Inverclyde, one of Scotland's worst employment black spots, was launched yesterday by Mr Allan Stewart, Under Secretary of State at the Scottish Office.

● Europe's first Boeing 737-300 – American's £20million answer to Europe's new 150-seat Airbus A320 – made its inaugural flight from Britain to Austria yesterday in the colours of Orion Airways.



Thatcher accused of misleading House about Levene post

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister and a junior Defence Minister were yesterday accused of misleading the Commons over the appointment of Mr Peter Levene as Whitehall's £95,000 Chief of Defence Procurement.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said in a written Commons reply last night that Mr Levene's contract had been signed on March 19, the day he took up his appointment at the Ministry of Defence.

But Mr Gordon Brown, Labour MP for Dunfermline East, said later that the Prime Minister had been "dishonest" when she told the Commons in another reply, dated March 18, "Both the Ministry of Defence and Mr Levene have entered into arrangements to enable the appointment to be put into effect, which it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to undo."

The contract, with a maximum duration of five years, provides Mr Levene with a year's pay if he is dismissed by an incoming government. It aso includes the annual payment of £12,500 in pensions contributions.

Earlier, in the Commons, Mr John Lee, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Defence Procurement, had told Mr Brown that there was a Labour precedent for Mr Levene's appointment.

Mr Lee said that another critic of the Levene appointment, Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party and a former under-secretary for the Royal Navy in the Labour government, had taken a very close and supportive interest in the 1969 appointment of Mr Leslie Norfolk, a former director of ICI's heavy organic chemical division, as Chief Executive of the Royal Dockyards.

Mr Norfolk, the minister said to Tory backbench cheers, had been paid a salary of £11,000, considerably more than the going rate for a permanent secretary, of £8,600.

Dr Owen last night demanded a formal Commons apology from Mr Lee.

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Shipyard workers vote for sit-in

From Ronald Faux, Yarrow

Workers at Yarrow shipbuilders on the Clyde voted yesterday to occupy the yard in protest at the lack of consultation with the unions before the take over by GEC.

Shop stewards said after a mass meeting the occupation will continue until their pay and conditions were brought into line with other privately owned companies.

The unions at Yarrow reacted with hostility to the unexpected announcement that the yard had been sold to GEC for £34 million.

Mr Dougy Conroy, the shop stewards convener, said British shipbuilders had broken a firm agreement with the unions that three week's notice would be given to them of any proposed sale.

Mr Graham Day, the chairman of British Shipbuilders, has insisted that management did not believe they were bound by any such agreement.

After the decision was announced, Mr Conroy said he and three other union conveners representing the manual workers had been told they were suspended.

Mr Conroy said the action would strengthen the Union's bargaining position

GEC issued a statement last night saying it was "very disappointed" by the news of the occupation, (Jonathan Davis writes).

"Employee representatives at Yarrow have been informed that GEC senior managers would like to meet them for discussions on Monday" the statement said.

The Government's decisison to sell the yard was sharply criticized yesterday by the company which was paid £6 million in compensation, when the yard was nationalized eight years ago.

Disruption threat to trains recedes

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The threat of disruption on the railways has receded after a decision by British Rail not to insist that its annual pay offer, due to be delivered to the unions today, is dependent on productivity improvement.

Leaders of the two main rail unions had indicated that they were prepared to take industrial action if the management insisted on introduction of new working methods before the annual pay award was made.

Instead the management is expected to offer between 4 per cent and 5 per cent and put down a marker that it will want agreement in separate negotiations on productivity improvements for some commuter services by the end of the summer.

British Rail wants to win union approval for driver-only operation of suburban services operating out of St Pancras and Kings Cross termini in London, which would mean the removal of guards from the modern trains.

That proposal is certain to be resisted by the National union of Railwaymen, which organizes the guards and is bound by a conference decision not to agree to loss of guards' jobs. An earlier management strategy of seeking immediate changes in working practices in the loss-making freight business, has apparently been shelved until uncertainties created by loss of traffic during the miners' strike have been dispelled.

British Rail also plans moving rolling stock between the principal suburban services running to the commuter belt north of London, including putting some trains capable of driver-only operation on services from Euston to Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire. This was seen by union officials last night as the management serving warning that it wants to introduce one-man operation on all commuter services north of London rapidly.

There is a surplus of new trains on the Bedford-St Pancras commuter service and British Rail plans to move up to 10 of the electric units to Euston, freeing a similar number of 15-year-old rolling stock for transfer to services out of Liverpool Street.

NUR leaders fear the loss of thousands of jobs if they agree to driver-only operation and they have co-operated in an experiment on the Bedford-St Pancras line where guards have transferred to "revenue protection" duties on trains, including checking tickets and collecting fares.

The NUR and Aslef have submitted claims for substantial increases linked to a new minimum wage of £100 a week, and will be looking for a rise of more than 5 per cent. British Rail is under pressure from the Government not to be generous in its pay settlement this year, because of £30 million losses caused by the miners' dispute.

Ministers are also keen to see the management push through productivity improvements it has been trying to introduce since 1979.

26 unions meet on pay

Leaders and officials of 26 unions met at a conference in London yesterday to try to improve the wages of public service workers.

The TUC's public services committee presented the 136 delegates with a discussion paper and the chairman, Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, said the conference was an important step in the public service pay campaign.

A report on the conference will be presented to the TUC committee on April 2.

Manny goes back to his East End roots

By Michael Horsnell

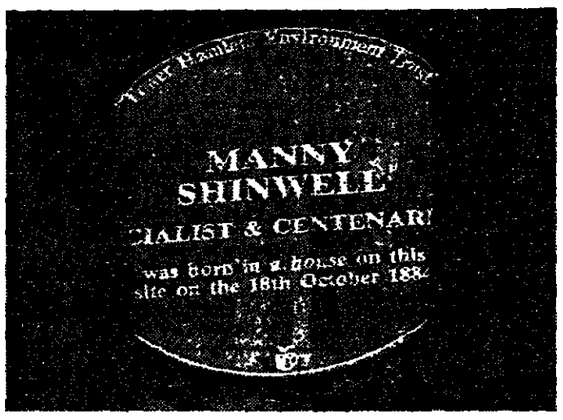
Lord Shinwell, who celebrated his one-hundredth birthday last year, returned to his roots in the East End of London yesterday to unveil a plaque at his birthplace, a derelict building some 43 years younger than he.

Brune House in Spitalfields, windowless and unoccupied for the past three years, is a Greater London Council tenement building between the two world wars and awaiting refurbishment.

It covers the long-forgotten Freedman Street and, in particular No 17, where Emanuel Shinwell was born on October 18, 1884.

The young Manny Shinwell lived there until the age of six when with the rest of his family he followed his father, Samuel Shinwell, to Glasgow.

There the socialist peer-to-be was apprenticed in the tailoring trade after leaving school at the age of 11.



Lord Shinwell yesterday and the plaque at his birthplace in Spitalfields, London (Photographs: Chris Harris).

"I was born somewhere round about here but I didn't know anything aout it," Lord Shinwell said. "The first I knew was when I obtained a copy of my birth certificate for £6 after being told I was going to be made a freeman of the City of London."

The commemorative red plaque was awarded by the Tower Hamlets Environment Trust, a registered charity which aims to improve the environment of the East End.

Mr Peter Shore, Labour MP for Bethnal Green and Stepney, and Mr Ian Mikardo, Labour MP for Bow and Poplar, were among those who attended the unveiling.

But none of the residents of neighbouring blocks who came to applaud Lord Shinwell was old enough to remember his early days in the East End when Gladstone was still Prime Minister and Queen Victoria still had 16 years to reign.

Dispute in Cabinet on new house sale plans

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

A dispute has developed within the Cabinet over the next stage of the Government's plans to widen competition in house conveyancing.

The proposal, announced in February last year to allow banks and building societies to offer conveyancing services, has caused deep divisions among ministers, with the Prime Minister and Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, strongly in favour of the change and Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, the law officers and other ministers opposed to it.

Ministers opposed to the plan say that it will create conflicts of interest impossible to resolve

The proposal was a separate limb of the compromise agreed by the Government early last year in return for the withdrawal of Mr Austin Mitchell's private member's Bill aimed at breaking the solicitors' monopoly on conveyancing.

The first leg of the reform is contained in the Administration of Justice Bill, which will introduce a new breed of non-solicitor practitioners called "licensed conveyancers" whose qualifications will be fixed by a new regulatory council. The Bill received its third reading in the Lords yesterday and now moves to the Commons.

The disagreements among Cabinet ministers have emerged in the discussions on the contents of the Bill expected in the next session of Parliament on extending the services which building societies are allowed to offer the public, which had been thought likely to contain the conveyancing reform.

Rate-capped councils may halt police cash

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Rate-capped councils are threatening to withhold their share of police costs when their money starts to run out next month. Several Labour councils intend to enter the new financial year without fixing a rate.

They have set up "payment control panels" of councillors to control all expenditure and take day-to-day spending decisions out of the hands of officers. The councils will "prioritize" some payments, such as wages to staff. That will mean that there will be no money left for other areas such as precept payments which contribute to the costs of running police forces.

Several councils chosen for rate capping by ministers are to meet this week. Although many of their Labour councillors will vote with other parties to fix legal rates, a hard core of authorities will enter the new financial year next week without fixing a rate.

They are expected to include the London boroughs of Southwark, Islington, Greenwich, Haringey and Newham. But the position of Hackney, once thought to be the most defiant of all, is now uncertain.

Two Labour councillors yesterday condemned a narrow vote of the ruling Labour group that commits councillors to examining cost-cutting options

● The Merseyside Passenger Transport Executive was yesterday given leave to seek a High Court order for forcing rate-capped Merseyside County Council to determine the amount of subsidy it will provide for public transport in its area in the next financial year.

CEGB charges boards more

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The price of electricity suplied by the Central Electricity Generating Board from its power stations to the 13 area electricity boards in England and Wales is to rise by an average of 4.5 per cent.

The board still has to work out the final costs of the miners' strike and to discuss with the Government its future policy on the size of coal stocks to be held at the power stations and the level of coal it will be allowed to import.

However, by the end of this week, stocks at the large coal-fired stations in the Midlands and in Yorkshire will have risen to a level which will allow the board to end its policy of adding heavy oil to coal furnaces.

Heavy oil is normally sprayed into the coal furnaces to help ignition and to stabilize the flame, but during the strike, technicians found a way of adding large amounts of oil to supplement the coal available and preserve stocks.

The board is withdrawing from the heavy oil market, but has decided to do so gradually and not destabilize the price of heavy oil.

The charges to the area boards will come into effect on April 1

The largest of the country's electricity boards, the London Electricity Board, confirmed yesterday that it will increase its tariffs from April 21 average of 2.9 per cent by an

Inmos to cut wages by 20%

From Tim Jones, Cardiff

Inmos, which was launched on more than £60 million of public money to be the flagship of Britain's new micro-electronic industry, is to cut wages and working hours by 20 per cent at its plant at Newport, Gwent in an attempt to ride out the economic storms caused by a worldwide slump in demand.

Officials of the electricians union, the EETPU said they were "extremely unhappy" at the move, but indicated there would be no industrial action by the 900 staff as this would contravene no-strike agreements.

The cutback could cost the workers more than £100 a month and means that for the time being the company will not recruit 600 people to work in its new second factory in the town.

The first reduction will come at Easter when the plant will close for a week's holiday and then full-time weekend production will be stopped.

IBA in appeal over ruling on borstal film

The Independent Broadcasting Authority yesterday asked the Court of Appeal to reverse a ruling that it failed in its duty by showing the controversial film of life in Borstal, *Scum*.

The IBA's director general, Mr John Whitney, was said to have made a "grave error of judgement" in deciding to show the film without referring it to the authority.

The authority had been taken to court by Mrs Mary Whitehouse after the showing of the film on Channel Four in June 1983 after the BBC rejected it.

The hearing continues today.

Police chief is asked to retire

By Peter Davenport

Merseyside's Labour-controlled police authority yesterday asked its chief constable to consider retiring early after refusing to accept his explanation for missing a meeting.

The decision plunged relations between Mr Kenneth Oxford and his police committee to their lowest level. It came after Mr Oxford's failure to attend a meeting of the authority a week ago, after which Labour councillors called for action to be taken against him.

Yesterday at a closed, special meeting of the police authority in Liverpool, Mr Oxford disclosed why he was absent. He had been sent by the Home Secretary to attend a conference in Washington

Although magistrates, Conservative and Liberal members of the authority accepted his explanation, the Labour members pushed through by 13 votes to eight, a motion severely critical of the chief constable, and calling on him to consider retiring.

After the meeting, Mr Oxford, aged 60, chief constable for nine years, and a past-president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said: "It would be quite invidious of me to make any public comment at this stage. But I did give a detailed explanation.

Mrs Margaret Simey, the committee chairman, later defended the decision.

● Mr Colin Smith, aged 45, a deputy assistant commissioner with the Metropolitan Police and a former Thames Valley policeman, is to be the new chief constable of the Thames Valley force.



Mel Calman *The Times* cartoonist with one of his drawings on display at St James's, Piccadilly, London (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Free entry to Land's End

Visitors will get free entry to Land's End this summer after settlement of a two-year dispute about access between the owner and two local authorities.

Mr David Goldstone, a lawyer and businessman, bought Land's End in 1982, invested £1 million in improvements and announced plans to charge an entry fee.

Labour choice

Mr Colin Parry, brother-in-law of Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, has been selected to stand as the party's parliamentary candidate for Ynys Mon, the former Angelsey constituency.

President stays

Mr Philip Woolas, a Labour Party member aged 25, was re-elected president of the National Union of Students yesterday.

£120,633 award after radiation-link death

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The largest compensation of £120,633 to the dependants of a worker in the nuclear energy industry has been paid in an out-of-court settlement. The award was made to the relatives of a foreman aged 45 who had worked for 23 years at the Calder Hall and Windscale (now Sellafield) works of British Nuclear Fuels (BNF), in Cumbria.

It is the third case to be settled for a Sellafield worker, under a 1983 agreement, between BNF and the unions, governing compensation when "there is sufficient grounds to believe that death might be connected with occupational exposure to radiation". Other cases are under negotiation.

The man died in 1976. He was treated for tuberculosis after an annual medical check but died, within months, of lung cancer.

His widow took the case the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, which negotiated the award. More than 12 other cases are being discussed under the agreement.

British Nuclear Fuels said yesterday: "Such cases are few, but deciding them is difficult because of the impossibility of distinguishing clinically between radiation-induced cancer and cancer arising from natural causes. In these circumstances, a decision has to be reached on the balance of probabilities".

Environment job for Lord Elton

Lord Elton, the Home Office minister responsible for the prison service, was yesterday appointed Minister of State at the Department of the Environment in place of Lord Avon, who has resigned as parliamentary under-secretary on medical advice.

Lord Elton, who is 55, is a former teacher and lecturer who held junior posts after the conservatives were returned in 1979, at the Northern Ireland Office and the Department of Health before being appointed to the Home Office as parliamentary under-secretary in 1982.

Correction

Princess Margaret, who had a lung operation in January and has had to cancel a visit to the Scottish Ballet in Glasgow on Friday, has not been advised to cancel all her engagements as stated yesterday. Clarence House said: "Doctors said she was doing too much too soon. Other engagements are unaffected."

Paisley threat to leave talks

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, said last night that it would withdraw from talks on finding an internal solution to Ulster's problems unless it received a written assurance that negotiations were not taking place between London and Dublin.

Unionist politicians remain alarmed that government ministers, including Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, have not denied the substance of reports of a package of measures being discussed with the Government of the Irish Republic.

Mr Paisley criticized Mr Hurd for remarks in Washington in which he said that reports of an agreement with Dublin were "well ahead of the game".

● An unemployed man's claim that the Royal Ulster Constabulary illtreated him in an attempt to obtain a confession has been backed by the international human rights body, Amnesty International.

In a report it says that there is strong evidence supporting statements by Mr Paul Caruana that he had been systematically illtreated while being interrogated at Castlereagh holding centre in east Belfast.

An unemployed painter from Londonderry, he alleges that he was hooded with a black plastic bag by police who repeatedly punched him, forced his head against his chest and pulled his legs apart.

● Bigotry has forced a Presbyterian minister to leave Northern Ireland for Oxford because of his policy of closer links with Roman Catholics. The wife and four children of the Rev David Armstrong, aged 36, of Limavady, Co Londonderry, have been the subject of abuse.

Miner's trial

Mr Ken Foulstone, a Manton colliery worker who took part in the return-to-work revolt in the Yorkshire coalfield, has been sent for trial to Doncaster Crown Court charged with three burglaries allegedly committed more than seven years ago.

Agreement ends Sun stoppage

By Our Labour Staff

Production of *The Sun* was resumed last night, for the first time in six days, after an agreement between printing unions and News Group Newspapers to end a machine room dispute.

Under the terms of the agreement there will be a joint study involving the management, the National Graphical Association and Sogat '82 into the company's allegations that more frequent breakages of printing plates on Monday last week were caused by press operators.

All workers, other than those in the machine room who are members of the two unions, will be paid for the period of the stoppage and it is understood that the joint study will also discuss problems associated with the company's plans to move printing to a new plant in the London docklands.

It is expected that the legal orders won by the company against the unions, to secure a return to work, will not be activated although the newspaper company may still sue the unions for £250,000 each in damages, the maximum allowed under the Employment Act 1982.

● An early retirement deal for Mr Ken Ashton, general secretary of the National Union of Journalists will cost more than £55,000, delegates to the union's annual conference were told yesterday.

As part of the severance package Mr Ashton has signed a statement admitting that with hindsight he failed to keep his executive fully informed about the controversial pensions deal which led to disciplinary hearings. All disciplinary charges are to be dropped.

Mr Ashton, aged 59, also accepts that he allowed himself to be placed in a position where there was a conflict of interest between his function as general secretary and as a beneficiary of the proposed pension.

The union has accepted that Mr Ashton had no intention to defraud the NUJ, for did he do so. The leadership has declared that during his term of office he served the union to the best of his ability and generally served its interests.

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Pollution control on cars by 1991 proposed in Lords study

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Tougher regulations are needed to control pollution created by car exhaust emissions than those agreed by the meeting of EEC environment ministers last week, according to a report from a House of Lords select committee, published yesterday.

After studying evidence from medical and public health specialists, the motor and oil industries and government deparments, the committee concluded that the deadline for meeting pollution control standards should be 1991 for all cars. That is four years earlier than the timetable set by the EEC ministers.

The report is particularly critical of the idea of deferring deadlines for control of emissions from most cars, to enable the present range of engines to be replaced by a new design of "lean-burn" engines that generate less pollution.

On the balance of evidence, the select committee on the European Communities is doubtful about the industry's ability to produce new designs even by a promised date of 1995.

The committee is much more in favour of the approach to air pollution pursued by the West German government until last week.

That plan favoured a wider use of the attachment of catalytic converters to exhaust pipes to convert hazardous fumes into water vapour and carbon dioxide.

Under a compromise agreement, the EEC ministers agreed to catalytic converters only for large cars above 200cc engine capacity, in order to meet new emission standards for that size of vehicle by 1988.

In the Lords judgement, catalytic converters should be adopted on a wider range of car models so that standards of air pollution control, similar to those achieved already in Japan and United States, should be met by 1991.

One reason for the confidence in catalytic converters rests on the fact that it is a tried and tested technology. On the other hand, these devices add an additional cost of £500 or more to the price of a car.

Lead in Petrol and Vehicle Emissions, (House of Lords stationery office, £9.15).

Young Merseysiders caught in the unemployment trap

Photographs: Chris Harris



Passing time: Jobless youngsters in Knowsley



Growing up: Melanie Miller (left), aged 3, mother and friend



Sporting chance: At the betting shop

'They raise hopes, then there's nothing'

From Peter Davenport, Kirkby, Merseyside

Sally Anne still has her dreams. She wants to be a professional dance teacher or maybe a television actress and had been interviewed for parts in *Coronation Street* and *Brookside*. It had never gone any farther but that brush with a more glamorous world had been enough to make her a minor celebrity among the other youngsters browsing through the job vacancies.

Since completing a three-year course at the Liverpool Theatre School nine months ago she had been out of work. She had been promised work waiting at tables at Aintree during the Grand National meeting and then hoped to start a part-time job teaching basic dance to children for £50 a week.

She had thoughts about looking for work in Jersey but for the present she would continue making her twice daily visits to the Jobcentre in Kirkby, one of three centres covering Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk's Knowsley North constituency, to scour the vacancies boards more in hope than expectation.

"I had interviews for television but I was told I had to have an Equity card to get a job and also that I couldn't get a card until I had a job. It's just crazy.

"They build up your espectations at school and college and then when you finish there's nothing. It makes you angry and it makes you frustrated. I find myself rowing with my parents because of the way I feel. I want to work, of course I do, but just saying you come from this place counts against you and I'm too afraid to move away by myself."

Gary is a joiner and has been redundant for seven months since completing his apprenticeship. He has applied for more than 20 jobs and been rejected for them all. "They all tell you the same thing, that I'm too young and with not enough experience. I tell them I can't get experience without work but it does no good. What do I do all day? What can I do without money?"

Sally Anne Davies and Gary Loftus, both aged 20, are just two of the 4,000 youngsters among the 10,140 people out of work in Knowsley North. More than half of the young people aged between 18 and 19 have never had a job and only 6 per cent of the area's school-leavers found work last year. The area is considered one of the poorest boroughs in Europe.

On the day I visited the Job centre at Kirkby, housed above the unemployment benefits office in the litter-strewn town centre, there were just 26 vacancies on the board for young people aged between 16 and 18. It was a picture reflected at the area's other centres in Department of Employment figures issued earlier this month.

At the Prescot office which recorded 2,777 people out of work including 344 school-leavers, there were 106 unfilled vacancies. In Huyton with 8,891 out of work, including 1,427 school-leavers, there were only 111 unfilled vacancies.

And in Kirkby, with a total of 7,319 out of work, including 857 school-leavers, there was a total of 62 vacancies.

On Merseyside there are more than 140,000 people out of work, 21 per cent of the workforce, but although there are no specific figures for Kirkby, the worst area in Mr Kilroy-Silk's constituency, local observers put the unemployment rate several percentage points higher.

In the past seven years Merseyside has lost 70,000 jobs, many of them in the Knowsley North area. Many of the international companies attracted to new industrial estates subsequently closed down

Kirkby was one of the first and largest of the new towns, built in the early 1960s

The estates originally hailed as leaders in social planning were soon condemned as breeding grounds for crime and a poor quality of life. Boredom results in vandalism and there is concern about drug abuse.

Further cause for concern came this week with the publication of government statistics which placed Knowsley at the foot of national examination results league tables.



Mr Neil Kinnock welcoming unemployed Merseysiders to London yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

RSPB listing of egg thieves' names dropped

From Ronald Faux, Edinburgh

The Royal Society for the Protection of birds has abandoned a policy of publishing the names and addresses of nest raiders convicted and fined in court because the egg thieves were using the list as a way of getting in touch with each other and exchanging information.

Mr David Dick, the RSPB investigations officer, for Scotland, said: "We published the names in our magazine to give a little stigma and to help dissuade them from disturbing the nests. We found they were simply getting in touch with each other so we have dropped the idea."

● Two golden eagles have returned to their breeding site in the Lake District and are being given protection by three full-time RSPB wardens and a team of volunteers until the end of August to prevent people taking eggs or disturbing the birds. The protection will cost the RSPB £15,000.

Extortion case charges dropped

The case in which all witnesses were hooded and unidentified was dropped yesterday when the Director of Public Prosecutions in Northen Ireland withdrew racketeering charges against three men because witnesses were unable to be named.

Mr James Craig, Mr William Quee, and Mr David Fee, all from West Belfast, walked free after 3 charges alleging extortion from building contracts.

Programme offers to European cable TV

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Advisers for the independent television companies are completing a business plan to offer 18 hours of prime commercial programming daily to European cable operators via satellite.

The revolutionary concept in television is the independent companies' answer to European networks who wanted to use their EEC membership for access to British television programming at a fraction of its commercial price. The independent companies have vigorously fought such concessions and intend to launch the satellite cable service to generate secondary income.

The business plan will be presented to representatives from the independent television companies in May and, if ratified, could mean the service starting in the next year. The programmes, a mixture of live and recorded material, would be beamed from London on a low-powered satellite, probably on a channel on a European communications satellite ECS-2. The sister satellite, ECS-1, already carries programming from European cable networks.

The Programming details have not been finalized, but TV-am would probably be transmitted live, as would one news bulletin. Children's programming, films, sport and drama would make up most of the rest.

The nuclear energy debate

Public 'ill-informed on issues'

By David Nicholson-Lord

Public opinion polls on nuclear power should be treated with suspicion and are of little value if they are used merely for "counting heads" in a controversy, a conference in London was told yesterday.

Dr Jennifer Brown, a social psychologist at Surrey University, also said that even "straightforward" official information could "backfire", creating unintended images and alarming the people it was intended to reassure.

In both Britain and the United States, she said, public knowledge of nuclear issues was poor, support for renewable sources of energy, particularly solar, was high, and information in the media tended to produce anti-nuclear views.

Presenting the findings of a Surrey research project into attitudes on energy, Dr Brown cited one survey showing that 76 per cent believed that nuclear plants posed dangers, but only 1 per cent thought they faced a personal risk. Another study in the US indicated that 83 per cent worried about nuclear power, but 78 per cent opposed the closure of existing plant.

The findings appeared "depressingly inconsistent", Dr Brown added, unless they were used to tap different aspects of an issue and provide more information to the public.

Support for nuclear power as an acceptable option appeared to remain relatively stable although people seemed increasingly reluctant to have a power station near them. Dr Brown told the symposium, on the public perception of energy questions, organized by the Institute of Energy and three other bodies.

In Britain support ran at about 62 per cent and in the US at about 52 per cent.

Yet if the question was posed differently, the result also appeared to differ. Asked if it was worthwhile to develop nuclear power, or whether the risks were unacceptable, 54 per cent in Britain in 1978 said it was worthwhile, but only 33 per cent thought the same in 1982.

Mother of dead child admits neglect

A man who denies battering his step-daughter to death yesterday told the Central Criminal Court that he had earlier admitted to the killing to the police only to protect the child's mother.

The mother or the girl, Jasmine aged four, then changed her plea from not guilty to guilty of two charges of wilful neglect of the child.

The jury was discharged from giving a verdict on a third charge against Beverly Lorrington, aged 24, of Kensal Rise, north west London, of wilful neglect on the day the child died.

The court had earlier heard Maurice Beckford, aged 25, a scaffolder, say that he saw the child's mother trying to strangle her the day before she died.

He pulled her off the child and said: "What are you trying to do?"

Beckford denies murdering the child on July 5 last year, but Mr Kenneth Richardson, for the prosecution, has told the jury that he had admitted two charges of cruelty and two of assault, causing actual bodily harm.

After Beckford had given evidence, there was a 15-minute adjournment and then Lorrington changed her plea.

The trial was adjourned until today.

Farmer in court plea over cattle

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A Somerset farmer will today ask the High Court for a judicial review of his dispute with the Ministry of Agriculture over spraying cattle to protect them from Warble flies.

Mr Mark Purdey, aged 31 of Dene Farm, Taunton, has refused to treat his 80 Jersey cows with organophosphorus compounds because he says they endanger human health. The ministry's advice that there should be six hours between treatment and milking is inadequate, he says.

His application to treat the cattle with a natural plant insecticide was rejected, and on Monday Mr Justice Mann also rejected Mr Purdey's application for an injunction to stop ministry veterinary officers treating his cows.

The warble fly is a parasite which enters an animal's body and lays eggs, causing intense irritation and distress. Twenty years ago more than a third of all cattle in Britain were afflicted, but the proportion is now less than one hundreth of one per cent.

If Mr Purdey's application for a review succeeds it could be several weeks before a decision is made.

Minister jailed for corpse mutilation

A Welsh Methodist minister, Emyr Owen, mutilated corpses awaiting burial by cutting off their genitals, Chester Crown Court was told yesterday.

The double life of Owen, a homosexual with a collection of sado-masochistic pornography, emerged when he threatened to murder the granddaughter of a parishioner.

Jailing Owen for four years, Mr Justice Evans told him that his crimes had "abused the trust of the living just as you dishonoured the dead".

Owen, aged 62, of Macthlon Close, Tywyn, Gwynedd, admitted three charges of mutilating corpses between April 1976 and December 1984. He was jailed for a consecutive 18 months. Mr Huw Daniel, for the prosecution, said that Owen, a strict Calvinist, had been the minister of Bethel Chapel in Tywyn since 1976.

His crimes came to light as the police investigated an anonymous letter received by a woman which contained a threat to murder one of her grandchildren, and intercepted a second letter.

Mr Daniel said that the police noticed that the letter "T" was written in an unusual way. Detective-Constable Gwyn Roberts examined between 5,000 and 6,000 handwriting specimens from local people.

"On December 19, 1984 he was shown a New Testament with writing on the inside cover which he immediately recognized."

Detective Constable Roberts told the court that the threatening letters had begun because Owen was concerned about local rumours in relation to the killing of sheep.

Cancer victim untraced

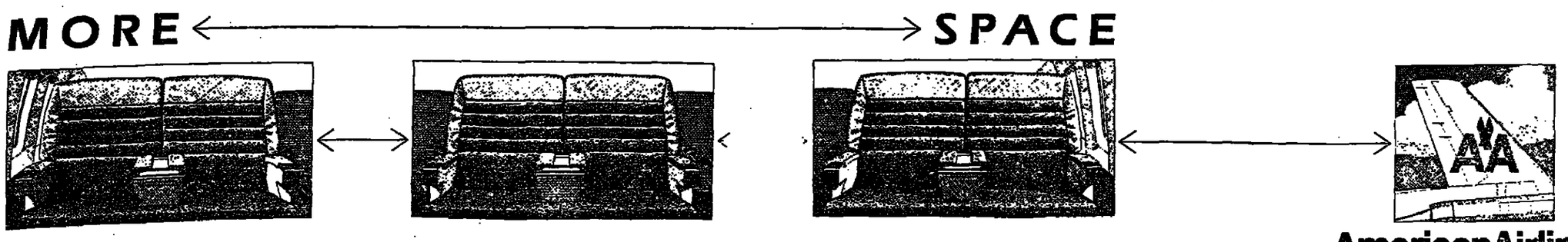
Attempts to trace a young mother before she died of cancer failed because she had moved house. Dr Christopher Paine, general manager of Oxfordshire Health Authority, disclosed yesterday new details about cervical smear tests.

He said that efforts were made to get in touch with Mrs Phillippa Kingston, aged 32, about her positive test after the birth of her daughter in 1979, but she was not living at the same address.

Mrs Kingston of Church Cowley Road Oxford, died last May, without receiving the results of the smear test.

Similar mixups affected two other seriously ill women. Dr Paine admitted that one of the test results was probably filed by a doctor's receptionist and never acted upon.

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In-service training and appraisal for teachers

EDUCATION

In the White Paper on education published today the Government was announcing its decision to introduce a new examination, the Advanced Supplementary (AS) level, and a massive extension of *in-service training for teachers*. Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said in a statement to the Commons.

For the first time the Government was also announcing that it would seek parliamentary authority for specific grant powers over in-service training with extra resources provided, as announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Nigel Lawson).

The White Paper also confirmed that the Government would be ready, if necessary, to ask Parliament's authority to require local education authorities to appraise teachers and it contained a number of other announcements on the governance of schools and truancy, he added.

Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said the Secretary of State was attempting the hopeless task of squeezing a quart out of a pint pot.

In his statement, **Sir Keith Joseph** said:

The Government has two principal aims: to raise the standards achieved by pupils of all abilities, and to secure the best possible return for the resources invested in school education.

We have set these aims because education at school needs to develop to the full the capacities of every pupil, and to promote the nation's ability to seize the challenging opportunities of a technological and competitive world. The schools need to build on Britain's values and traditions and on its ethnic diversity. They need to educate pupils to their own full potential and for the responsibilities of citizenship and for working life.

Both what is taught and how it is taught need to seve these purposes better than is now the case in many schools. National standards would rise dramatically if all schools matched the present achievements of the best comparable schools. The Government has a duty in law to take the lead in securing that all our schools have an effective curriculum effectively delivered by those responsible.

Together with its partners in the education service, and with the customers of the service, the Government will take action in four broad areas of policy to raise achievement at all levels of ability.

First, we shall continue to take the lead in promoting agreement about the objectives and content of the curriculum in primary, secondary and special schools. The curriculum should be broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated for variations in pupils' abilities and aptitudes. Agreed and explicit objectives will help to focus the efforts of LEAs and schools, and motivate pupils, towards aims shared also by parents and employers.

Second, we are taking action on examinations. As the House will recall, we are establishing the General Certificate of Secondary Education (the GCSE). It will serve the curriculum better than the examinations it replaces. It will put a new emphasis on understanding, on the application of knowledge, and on oral and practical skills.

Through the development of grade criteria it will award grades only to those who attain the required standard in defined aspects of each subject. We shall introduce a new examination, the AS (Advanced Supplementary) level, to broaden the programme of students on A level courses. The new CPVE (Certificate of Pre-Vocational Education) will offer a wide range of courses for other students over 16.

We are working towards the establishment by the end of the decade of a national system of records of achievement for all school leavers which will record not only examination successes but also other achievements at school.

Third, we shall promote teaching quality by improving the professional effectiveness of teachers and the management of the teaching force. Better initial training will result from the reform of courses the Government has already set in hand.

We intend to make in-service training more effective by funding it through a specific grant to local education authorities. We will seek an early opportunity to legislate for that change, as I informed the House last week. We intend that it should be a condition of the grant that satisfactory arrangements are made for identifying and meeting the training needs of individuals and the service.

Adequate arrangements for appraising the performance of each teacher are essential for the career development of individual teachers and for the good management of the teacher force; the Secretary of State for Wales and I will seek powers to allow us to require local education authorities to make such arrangements if we consider such action necessary.

Fourth, we shall develop the contribution which governing bodies can make to good school education. In the light of the response to the Green Paper Parental Influence at School, the Government has decided, as soon as the legislative programme permits, to propose two measures to the House.

First to entrench the powers of governing bodies of county, controlled and maintained special schools in relation to the functions of the LEA and the headteacher; second, to reform the composition of these governing bodies so that there can be an equal number of parent and LEA-appointed governors, and teachers and the local community will also be represented, with no single interest predominating.

The programme of action will take time to accomplish in its entirety. It may be difficult to achieve it in full within existing real levels of expenditure per pupil. But much progress can be made if the education service gets the most out of what is available. The more it succeeds the stronger the future.

Much of what needs to be done is neither a question of money, nor of action by the Government alone. The education service is a partnership. Each partner has important responsibilities which the Government intends to preserve. Each can do his job effectively only with the help of the others. Cooperation and professional commitment have secured notable achievements and built up many strengths in our schools.

The Government believes that co-operation and professional commitment will continue to be the norm within the education service. We believe that local education authorities, the churches and other voluntary bodies, governors, teachers, parents, employers, and all others will join in the common endeavour to make standards of achievement and behaviour at every school as good as they can be and need to be in the interest of the pupils and our national future.

Mr Radice: Raising the levels of achievement of all our children is an objective we strongly support but apart from the sensible decision to abandon his hare-brained scheme to give parents a majority on governing bodies, what is new in his statement or in the White Paper?

He admits it may be difficult to achieve his programme "within existing real levels of expenditure per pupil", so why is the Government proposing to cut local authority education spending by 9 per cent in real terms between 1984-85 and 1987-88 at a time when the number of pupils is estimated to fall by 5 per cent?

His remarks about partnership ring very hollow in a week when half a million children's education is being disrupted by the teachers' dispute. The parents of these children will not understand why he is not announcing a new peace initiative.

The truth is that he is fiddling while Rome burns.

Sir Keith Joseph: I am glad there is a shared objective of raising achievements in behaviour and examinations at all levels of ability.

It is extremely sad that teachers have chosen to disrupt the schooling of millions of children. The teacher unions seem to be in the business of rejecting. They rejected the pay offer. They rejected arbitration and they refuse even to discuss structure and appraisal.

He asked me about resources but he ignored the share which education can expect from the unallocated margin and ignored the crucial world that spending proposals for distribuiton between local authority services are provisional.

There is plenty of of new material in the White Paper.

Mr Clement Freud (North East Cambridgeshire, L): Will he assure the House that the AS levels will not further disadvantage children in small and under-funded sixth forms and make it more dificult for them to get into tertiary education at the expense of those in the private sector?

When he says education is a partnership – something few school masters would currently agree with – will he bear in mind that it takes two to tango?



Rumbold: Will proposals increase professionalism?

Sir Keith Joseph: I am only too eager to co-operate with the teachers and the local education authorities in pursuit of the objectives the whole House shares.

Higher education has replied to the consultations that it will not disadvantage those who have not had the opportunity to take AS levels.

Mr Robert Key (Salisbury, C) said that the White Paper presented a programme for education possibly as important as the 1944 Education Act. Members of the teaching profession would be well advised not to listen to the weasel words of the Opposition or to the leaders of the NUT.

Sir Keith Joseph said that while previous White Papers had rightly concentrated on questions of scale and structure, this one addressed itself to the harder question of quality and effectiveness.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) asked when Sir Keith would admit to himself and his party that the cuts in education were horrific.

Sir Keith Joseph said HMI emphasized that quality and effectiveness of management varied sharply between local education authorities.

In reply to a further question he said that the Government intended to legislate on teacher appraisal only if there was no agreement. It hoped that sooner or later there would be a bargain on appraisal between the teachers and their employers which could be negotiable and affordable.

If they failed to reach such a bargain the Government intended to ask Parliament for authority to require local education authorities to appraise teachers.

Mrs Angela Rumbold (Mitcham and Morden C): How does Sir Keith believe his statement will improve the morale of teachers? How will it enable LEAs to operate more efficiently? To what extent will the statement increase the professionalism of the education system for the customers – the children.

Sir Keith Joseph: There is much in the White Paper to raise the morale of teachers the confirmation of the recognition of their central importance, expansion of the network of in-service training, and the sort of unification of examination systems they have long wanted. There is plenty here to improve the effectiveness of education.

Levene the right man for the job

CIVIL SERVICE

Britain spent something like £1 million an hour on defence procurement and it only needed a very small improvement in purchasing brought about by the involvement of Mr Peter Levene, the new Chief of Defence Procurement, to more than recoup the salary being paid to him, **Mr John Lee**, Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said when defending the appointment during Commons questioning. Mr Levene was extremely well qualified for the job, he said.

Mr Gordon Brown (Dunfermline East, Lab) asked: In avoiding a conflict of interest in Government purchasing, what role will the new Chief of Defence Procurement play in vetting and awarding contracts to his friends in the Defence Manufacturers' Association, in which he has so recently been a senior office bearer?

How is it, when still an arms salesman, the new Chief of Defence Procurement, spent much of last year hawking possible Government franchise for the Royal Dockyards round his friends in the Defence Manufacturers' Association.

Mr Lee: Mr Levene is extremely well qualified for the job of Chief of Defence Procurement, as chairman of the Defence Manufacturers' Association, and he has an outstanding record in the private sector.

He has severed all connections with his former companies and divested himself of all shareholdings. Arrangements have been made in the Department to ensure Mr Levene will have no access to the department's business with his former companies.

There is a certain precedent to follow here. The Labour administration in 1969 appointed a certain Mr Leslie Norfolk, former Director of the Heavy Organic Chemical Division at ICI, as Chief Executive of the Royal Dockyards on a salary of £11,000 a year, considerably above the then going rate for a permanent secretary of £8,600 a year, and Dr David Owen, then Under-Secretary of State for the Royal Navy, took a very close and supportive interest in that appointment.

Mr Jonathan Sayeed (Bristol East, C): Is it not interesting that the Opposition have never said Mr Levene will not actually make a very good head of defence procurement?

Mr Lee: Yes. I think the shooting metaphor is extremely well known and apposite in this regard.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab): Is not the Government concerned about the activities of Messrs Aism and Company of Poole and Dowty-Rotol of Cheltenham, both of whom fired employees who refused to keep quiet over the cheating of the MOD over defence contracts?

What does the Minister intend to do? Does he intend to intervene and does he intend to secure the position of those two employees who were only serving the national interest?

Mr Lee: I have looked into both these cases personaly. I visted Dowty myself a week ago and raised this matter with them. Negotiations with both companies are proceeding and the MOD police – certainly in the latter case – are examining the papers.

Fewer doctors to be allowed into Britain

HEALTH SERVICE

Doctors and dentists from overseas wishing to practise in Britain would have to comply with the relevant entry provisions for the self-employed from April 1, **Mr Norman Fowler**, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced in the Commons.

Those coming to Britain for postgraduate training in hospitals would be admitted for up to four years. After that they would be able to stay only if extensions were granted under the normal immigration and employment provision.

In his statement Mr Fowler pointed out that these changes would not affect the position of overseas doctors and dentists currently working here, nor would medical staff from EEC countries be affected.

The changes (he went on) make clear to those who come in the future the basis on which they are being admitted and they will ensure that we do not encourage doctors and dentists to come here with expectations which the health service cannot fulfil. They will also enable the health service to plan its use of medical and dental manpower more effectively.

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on health and social services, said that while he welcomed the statement in principle it was long overdue. Without much firmer guarantees about the standards and quality, but simply cutting down the numbers of overseas doctors and dentists, his statement would seem discriminatory and unfair.

In his statement, Mr Fowler said the medical and dental expansion programme begun in the late 1960s was now largely complete. The Government therefore had a responsibility to re-examine the supply and demand position for doctors and dentists. A review of dental manpower was completed in 1983 and led them to conclude that the output from dental schools was in danger of leading to an oversupply. They accordingly agreed, following discussions with the profession, to reduce the intake to dental schools by 10 per cent.

I am today (he went on) publishing a report by the Advisory Committee for Medical Manpower Planning which comprised officials from the health departments and representatives of the main professional bodies. The report contains different projections of the likely future pattern of supply of and demand for doctors.

There are many factors which will affect the future balance, including the level of output from medical schools, the extent to which women doctors remain in active practice and the number of overseas doctors coming here. I will want to discuss with the medical profession the implications of the report for the intake to medical schools, for the medical staffing of hospitals and for postgraduate training.

The Government has, however, concluded that it is now necessary to prepare for the position which the expansion programme was intended to achieve: that is, where the United Kingdom is essentially self-sufficient in its supply of doctors and dentists.

At present, overseas doctors and dentists have almost unrestricted access to this country. We have therefore decided to bring them more into line with the immigration rules applying to other groups.

But we will wish to retain the important role which this country has traditionally fulfilled of providing postgraduate training to doctors and dentists from other countries who can come here for periods of specialist training before returning to put those specialist skills into practice.

Mr Meacher called for a Government commitment to reviews of medical manpower every two years or so as had been recommended. He estimated that 2,000 doctors and 10,000 nurses and midwives were on the dole. His party strongly supported the view of the Social Services Committee which in its 1981 report asked for a much higher proportion of patient care to be provided by qualified staff.

On overseas doctors (he added) Mr Fowler seeks to justify his proposal on the grounds that the UK is now to quote him "essentially self-sufficient in its supply of doctors and dentists". What is the base for such a bland and complacent statement?

Mr Fowler said he could give Mr Meacher an assurance of a continuing review on medical manpower. Successive governments had aimed for self-sufficiency and this Government had reviewed manpower from time to time.

The unemployment figures were affected by the gap between jobs and dental training had already been cut down. In these circumstances, it would be indefensible to allow unrestricted immigration.

Mrs Renee Short (Wolverhampton North-East, Lab), chairman of the Select Committee on Social Services: There are still grave problems about the appointment of more consultants in many regions. As a result junior doctors are still having to work long hours and progress is not being made.

Why has he not published a Green Paper on general practice, because surely it will have some bearing on the numbers of doctors employed and possibly on the numbers of students in future?

Mr Fowler: We have always made clear that the Green Paper on family practitioners will be published in the summer. We have seen an expansion in the number of consultants. It was up by 2.3 per cent over the past year.

Cuckoos, grouse and tortoises

THE ECONOMY

There were cries of "cuckoo" from some Labour MPs at the beginning of Prime Minister's question time in the Commons but she replied to a Labour MP who asked about the critics within her own party by looking ahead to August 12 excluding them from the description "cuckoo", and claiming that they had the occasional grouse but no more.

Mr Derek Fatchett (Leeds, Central, Lab) had said: In her weekend speech, Mrs Thatcher referred to various critics of Government policy as cuckoos (Conservative cheers).

Can she explain whether that extends to the growing number of critics within her own party and whether she feels that characterizing critics of the Government as cuckoos is consistent with the language of reconciliation to which she refers.

Mrs Thatcher: The answer is no. We have the occasional grouse but nothing else. (Laughter).

● The plight of tortoises came up during later questions to Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said that fires were still raging in the Galapagos Islands and that on Isabella 500 giant tortoises were at risk.

Mr Banks, who criticized Conservatives for laughing, said the Government of Ecuador had asked for international assistance. Because of the links with the Galapagos Islands, what aid would the Government make available to help the giant tortoises and other species?

Mrs Thatcher: We will consider his request.

Legal aid fall-back rejected

HOUSE OF LORDS

For most people the refusal of a legal aid certificate meant in effect the end of any hope of redress or defence against attack, Lord Elwyn-Jones, speaking for the Opposition, said in the House of Lords when the Administration of Justice Bill was read the third time. There was a danger in this that it meant not trial by courts but by legal aid committees.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, moving a new clause providing for the grant of legal aid by High Court or Court of Appeal, said it proposed to give to the judge or court in a civil case where a party was unrepresented and appearing in person and it seemed to the judge or court that he should receive legal aid for one reason or another the power to enable aid and advice to be provided.

Lord Denning (Ind), the former Master of the Rolls, said the amendment was unnecessary.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said that underpinning civil legal aid and responsibility for it was the system of district and area committees of legal practitioners, barristers and solicitors, upon whom grant and refusal actually depended. Underpinning that was the emergency certificate procedure. He could not accept the new clause.

Lord Elwyn-Jones said he regretted that for once Lord Denning did not get hold of the point. The new clause was concerned with providing a fall-back position. They had already advanced a good deal in easing the position of the litigant in person by enabling him, for instance, to make claims for the expenses he had incurred.

The new clause was negatived.

The Bill was passed.

● The Licensing (Amendment) Bill and the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill were read the third time and passed.

RAF Molesworth will be defended, MPs told

MISSILE BASE

The Government was determined to defend the integrity of RAF Molesworth, the planned cruise missile base, Mr John Lee, Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, assured the Commons during exchanges about the proposed Easter vigil.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, Lab) asked what contribution to the cost of security at RAF Molesworth had been made so far by the United States.

Mr Lee: None. The costs of the current development works and security operation are being borne by the United Kingdom as part of its host nation responsibilities to Nato.

Mr Alton: What will the cost be to British taxpayers and ratepayers of the total cost of security at RAF Molesworth? What will be the cost of maintaining security during the Easter vigil?

Does not Mr Lee believe the US Government, as it is their base and their weapons, should make some contribution towards the security costs as well?

Mr Lee: No figures are available. In terms of the apportionment of further costs, infrastructure costs will be shared as between Nato and the US national programme. The UK will be responsible for the cost of the road access and utilities.

As for costs we might incur in protecting the base because of possible Easter demonstrations, I can assure the House we are determined to defend the integrity of the base.

Sir Anthony Grant (South West Cambridgeshire, C): It is essential to safeguard the amenities of the residents in the area. They are also entitled to their own rights.

They wonder how Monsignor Bruce Kent would like it if they disrupted and kicked up hell in his church services.

Mr Lee: I fully endorse his sentiments. There are many MPs who are rather more concerned that the Easter marches will not be over-disruptive. We are concerned to make sure the lives of local residents through Easter, and that the MoD police also, are not disrupted

Debate sought on teachers' strike

A request by Mr Clement Freud (North East Cambridgeshire, L) for an emergency Commons debate on the teachers' pay dispute and the Secretary of State for Education and Science's handling of it was rejected by the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill.

Mr Freud said the Commons had not fully debated the strike or its consequences, even though it had been going on for nearly a term. Continuation of the strike threatened children preparing for examinations. If Sir Keith Joseph continued to do nothing, the strike would go on and morale would sink lower.

It was no longer acceptable to go on with no leadership from him and the children caught in the crossfire.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Local Government Bill, report, first allotted day.

Lords (2.30): Debates on the railways; on starvation in the Third World; and on disarmament.

Concern that fighter might be delayed

DEFENCE

The Government still wanted to make the collaborative European fighter aircraft programme work on a five-nation basis, **Mr Adam Butler**, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, said when questioned in the Commons over the progress towards selecting the future fighter aircraft for the Royal Air Force. He did not believe delay existed but if it did, the Government would have to take action in other directions.

Replying to **Mr Stanley Thorne** (Preston, Lab) he said the industry completed the feasibility study into the viability of a collaborative European fighter aircraft programme last month. The reports of the study were now being evaluated nationally and internationally.

EFA defence ministers would review those reports and consider the way ahead at a meeting in Rome, probably in mid May.

Mr Thorne: Can Mr Butler go a little further and indicate some definite information that one could pass to the 16,000 aircraft workers in greater Preston who are concerned about the future of their jobs? Should they be looking elsewhere or are we going to get a positive decision on the EFA?

Mr Butler: I cannot give him much further information at this moment. I see no reason why he should start scaring his constituents and those who work at the factories concerned. This project is progressing and I hope when we meet in Rome it will be possible to agree on the next step forward.

Mr Robert Atkins (South Ribble, C): International collaboration could be by the UK, Germany, Italy and Spain. If France do not want to participate on the terms these four countries are setting, then France must think again. We must have a decision as soon as possible.

Mr Butler: As part of the studies into the successor aircraft we are looking at a number of different options. Mr Atkins's point is one possible road to take, the present objective of the Government is to make it work on a five-nation basis if we can.

Mr John Wilkinson (Ruislip-Northwood, C): While the objective of translating the five-nation operational requirement into operational airplane is laudable, it is essential to keep the production facilities in this country fully employed. If there are further delays will Mr Butler order a further batch of Tornados?

Mr Butler: We have close regard for the workload at relevant British Aerospace factories. Delay beyond a certain point would not be acceptable.

Mr Lewis Carter-Jones (Eccles, Lab) said if the delays carried on until 1995 Britain could end up with American aircraft bought off the shelf.

Mr Butler: I hope that would not be possible but one has to be totally realistic. Occasionally it may be better to buy from abroad but the Government's record in placing business at home is good.

He told **Mr Anthony Favell** (Stockport, C) that the P120 was being considered under the national option.



Thorne: Workers want definite information

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP): May we take it that the lowest tender is going to be the criteria for the awarding of future defence contracts?

Mr Butler: It is likely that in all or most cases the two prime criteria of operational performance and cost will be at the forefront of our minds in reaching these decisions. But at the same time we made clear in the trainer aircraft competition that the issue of jobs and other matters had to be taken into account.

Mr William Walker (Tayside North, C): It is unwise to change the engine and engine mountings. It can have disastrous results as every pilot knows.

Mr Butler: All parties agree a new engine will need to be developed for this aircraft.

Mr Michael Stern (Bristol North West, C): Will Mr Butler not allow the French to pursue their standard tactics of delaying a decision until their own project is available?

Mr Butler: I do not find delay at the moment exists. If there are signs of continuing delay and it was clear that there would be disadvantages from that, we would have to take action in other directions.

Mr Kevin McNamara, an Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament: We regard the national option as the least desirable option to go for. There is a great deal more to be said for a long production run with international collaboration.

If necessary, and preferably, we should work with our Tornado partners with whom we have had a lot of experience.

Mr Butler: Leaving the last part of his question aside, I am delighted to find he agrees both with myself and the Government on this occasion. That is an unusual occurrence.

Success of trade mission to China

Results of the successful mission he led to China were already evident, Lord Young of Graffham, Minister without Portfolio, said during questions in the House of Lords, and more would become apparent within the coming months and years.

Questioned about the mission, **Lord Young of Graffham** said: Every member on the mission entered into discussions in areas in which they hope to do substantial business in future. I believe that the mission has made an important contribution to the future development of trade and commerce co-operation between Britain and China.

Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab): Without breaching commercial confidentiality, can he give us an idea of the extent of agreements which have been concluded?

Lord Young of Graffham: Since our return, delegations are now arriving in the United Kingdom as a result of our visit and some mission members of our delegation already have teams back in China to follow through.

I take it upon myself that proper follow-up is maintained. By the nature of the projects, these will reach a conclusion in a matter of many months, so in a year or so we shall see the fulfilling of the fruits of our endeavours.

White Paper on Better Schools

Joseph presses for legal powers

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, will have legal powers to force teachers to undergo annual appraisal, under his White Paper on schools, published yesterday.

That is one of many changes proposed in *Better Schools*, which is critical of much that goes on in schools. Reforms are proposed in the curriculum, examinations, treatment of truancy, governors and teaching quality.

The 90-page White Paper says that a new examination will be introduced in 1989, the Advanced Supplementary (AS) level, to broaden the studies of A-level students.

New government policies to help educate children for the twenty-first century are:

- Reform of school governing bodies to break the political domination of local authorities and increase parent governor numbers.
- A new examination for sixth formers, the AS level, to broaden advanced level studies.
- Secretary of State for Education to ensure the performance of teachers is appraised by law.
- Legislation to allow government funding for on-the-job training for teachers.
- Guidelines for minimum size of schools, below which they are not viable.
- Truancy to be tackled by a review of the Educational Welfare Service.

Governing bodies will be reformed to end political domination and increase the number of parent governors.

It is thought to be the first White Paper for a very long time to address itself to what is taught. Many schools cope well with their increasingly exacting task, it says, but a number of weaknesses, some of them serious, are found in others.

"The Government believes that the standards now generally attained by our pupils are neither as good as they can be, nor as good as they need to be.

"School education should do much more to promote enterprise and adaptability and to fit young people for working life in a technological age."

In about three-quarters of primary and middle schools the curriculum is not well planned or effectively put into practice, the White Paper adds. Most of these schools concentrate too much on practising basic skills in literacy and numeracy without relating them to real situations.

Primary schoolchildren should be taught English language, mathematics, science, the humanities, arts, craft and practical work, moral education and new technology, as well as be given some insights into the adult world, including how people earn their living.

The Government believes that secondary school pupils should learn English, mathematics, science, humanities, aesthetic subjects, practical subjects, physical education and a foreign language.

Better Schools. (Command 9469, Stationery Office, £6.40).

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Truancy: A review call

Truancy reaches especially worrying levels in the fourth and fifth years of some secondary schools. "Moreover, in a disturbingly large proportion of cases the pupil's absence from school is condoned by the parents."

The Government is issuing a circular about school attendance and the Education Welfare Services. Education welfare officers can do much to reduce truancy, the White Paper says. Local authorities are asked to review the work of this service.

The White Paper says that standards of pupil behaviour are a touchstone of the quality of the school system.

School size: A case for balance

Each school should be large enough to justify providing enough teachers to teach a balanced curriculum.

Primary school pupil numbers should justify at least three teachers; a comprehensive school should have more than five classes entering each year; and comprehensive school sixth forms should contain 150 pupils, the White Paper says.

Exams: O levels and CSE replaced

The General Certificate of Secondary Education is being introduced in 1988 to replace O levels and CSE. The studies of A-level students will be broadened by the new AS-level examination which will be taken alongside A levels but require only half the teaching time.

The AS level will be introduced in 1989, a year later than originally expected, and will enable sixth-formers to study extra subjects that would contrast with their A-level subjects, such as arts for science students.

The White Paper invokes the backing the universities and employers have given to the AS-level proposal. Teachers' organizations opposed it, because they thought it did not go far enough

Governors: No majority for parents

The original plan for parents to be in a majority on the governing body has been abandoned. Instead there will be equal numbers of parents and local authority governors.

There will also be a new category of governor, similar to the community governors proposed in the Taylor report, who will be cop-opted.

The number of governors, ranging from nine to 19, will depend on the number of pupils at the school. Teacher governors are not being increased in number.

The governing body's role is to be strengthened to give it a voice in the appointment and dismissal of the school's staff, the aims and objectives of the curriculum, and the principles on discipline.

This will enable governors to continue, for example, to use corporal punishment, even where the local authority has decided it should be phased out.

They will be required to issue, free of charge, to the parents of all pupils at the school a brief annual report, and to call an annual meeting of parents.

Teachers: Need for regular appraisal

Teachers need solid expertise in one or more subject, training in classroom skills and appropriate personal qualities, the White Paper says. "Like other professionals, teachers are expected to carry out their professional tasks in accordance with their judgement, and without bias," it says.

"This requires not only appropriate training and experience but also the professional attitude which gives priority to the interests of those concerned and is constantly concerned to increase effectiveness."

Although there is much excellent teaching in maintained schools, the Government's view, from HMI reports, is that a significant number of teachers perform below standard.

Ministers are reforming teacher training, they want courses to include a substantial element of school experience and teaching practice, and those doing the training to have recent successful experience of schoolteaching. Qualified teacher status should never be awarded to a student whose practical classroom work is unsatisfactory.

Legislation is being introduced so central government can fund in-service training by specific grant. On-the-job training is now left largely to local authorities who often do not spend enough on it.

Regular and formal appraisal of the performance of all teachers is necessary if local education authorities are to have the reliable, comprehensive and up-to-date information needed to manage the teaching force.

"This should result in improved deployment and distribution of the talent within the teaching force, with all teachers being helped to respond to changing demands and to realize their full professional potential by developing their strengths and improving upon their weaknesses."

Because the Government considers teacher appraisal to be so essential, it says regulations will be changed so that the Secretary of State for Education can by law require authorities to appraise teacher's performance. But it adds that current negotiation on appraisal may ahieve the same end without needing coercion.

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West's outposts in East Germany for defence rather than for spying

By Rodney Cowton
Defence Correspondent

The military liaison missions which Britain, France and the United States maintain in East Germany, and which the Soviet Union operates in West Germany, are seen as important factors in maintaining military stability in central Europe.

Major Arthur Nicholson, who was shot by a Russian soldier on Sunday, was a member of the American military liaison mission. There are reports that he was observing, and possibly photographing, Russian tank sheds near the town of Ludwigslust.

Former members of the American mission have emphasized the cloak-and-dagger aspect of the so-called licensed spying which the missions carry out, with accounts of 90mph drives through the night to escape observation by the Russians.

However, other sources suggest that the licensed spying aspect is of secondary importance. One well-placed source said the most important aspect of the missions' work was that their presence in potentially enemy territory was a protection launched without warning.

This aspect far outweighed any short-term gain from risky intelligence gathering.

Although mission staff carry cameras and photograph each other's installations, it is extremely unlikely that they would carry clandestine electronic information-gathering equipment. It is normal for them to be "stopped, boxed-in and searched" as they drive around, and sophisticated equipment would be unlikely to go undetected.

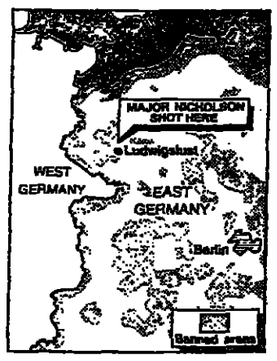
The mission staff are theoretically free to roam at will in both East and West Germany, but there are extensive "permanent restricted areas" which they are not permitted to enter.

The entire border area of East Germany is a restricted area. For much of its length it is only a mile or two wide, but virtually the whole area between Berlin and the Polish frontier, a distance of about 40 miles, is restricted.

The restricted areas include the vicinities of major Soviet headquarters, including those of the Group of Soviet Forces in Germnay at Wünsdorf, the 3rd Shock Army at Magdeburg, which would be the main opponents of the British Army of the Rhine in a big European war, the 8th Guards Army at Weimar and the 1st Guards Army at Dresden.

The area of Schwerin, just north of the point where Major Nicholson was killed, is a divisional headquarters.

Similarly, there are large training areas which are out of bounds to western missions. One of these is about 50 by 20 miles at Letzlinger Heide, barely 20 miles east of the section of the Inner German Border for which the British Army of the Rhine is responsible.





Major Nicholson's widow, Karyn, and his daughter at a remembrance service in West Berlin.

Russians 'shot at British officers'

A former British intelligence officer yesterday revealed the shadowy "James Bond" world in which US Army Major Arthur Nicholson died on Sunday.

Although Major Nicholson was the first officer shot dead behind the Iron Curtain, a string of incidents since the Soviet and Allied liaison missions were set up after the Second War has involved high-speed car chases in sensitive areas, detention by the Russians, interrogation and "roughing up".

The 34-year-old former Intelligence Corps officer, who is now working in local government, is married with three children. He spent two-and-a-half years as a member of the 21-strong British liaison mission before leaving the Army in 1983.

During his time in the section the captain made more than 50 visits into Eastern Europe.

While he was there two British officers were involved in shootings, one in 1980 involving a lieutenant-colonel, the other in March 1981, when an RAF squadron leader was the target. Neither was hit.

He said: "There were a lot of incidents, car chases and detentions. About ten or 12 officers are detained and questioned each year for ignoring 'restricted' signs, which we refuse to recognise.

"Although we were under strict orders not to go near certain restricted areas, we were told to ignore some signs in less sensitive places. We also 'ran convoys' – dodging in and out at high speed, noting identification plates and other details.

"The Russians would try to block and ram us, and then chase us, sometimes for miles. I was once chased by two armoured cars over rough country and was once captured, pushed about, detained, and questioned.

"The same thing happens with the Russians over this side, although they are not as tightly controlled. Even after this incident I don't see these tours being stopped: they are too useful to both sides."

The three-man British patrols leave each day in marked four-wheel-drive Range-Rovers or modified Opel cars, on two-day or three-day visits to the East.

Each patrol has a driver, an NCO and an officer, unarmed and with no radios, but equipped with sophisticated photographic equipment.

Although they avoid wearing camouflaged clothing, they camp overnight in forests in the East, and use the British base in Potsdam, a former girls' school, only for face-to-face meetings with the Russians.

The officer added: "Although in normal circumstances there is tit-for-tat retaliation after incidents, I think this latest business will blow over quickly. The Russians will be as upset as anyone, and the soldier involved will probably get disciplined and packed off somewhere else".

Indian alert for Carlos the Jackal

Amritsar, (AP) – A nationwide alert has been issued by India to prevent the entry of the international terrorist Ilyich Ramirez Sanchez, known as the Jackal, after intelligence reports that Sikh extremists living abroad have hired him to assassinate some Indian leaders, an official here said.

The Venezuelan, also known by his nickname Carlos, may be trying to pass as an Indian and may attempt to get into India on a false passport, the official said.

Bomb victims

Concepcion (AFP) – Two Chilean secret policemen trying to defuse a booby-trapped clandestine left-wing radio transmitter in a hotel were killed when they triggered the explosive device.

Jail for beauty

Manila (AP) – Former Miss Universe, Señorita Amparo Munoz of Spain, has been sentenced in absentia to one year in jail for allegedly slapping and pulling the hair of a Filipino film producer, a Manila judge said.

Royal visit

Rome (AP) – Queen Beatrix and Prince Claus of the Netherlands arrived for a three-day state visit to Italy which will include a meeting with the Pope.

Stalin street

Almere (AP) – Josef Stalin is to be honoured by the city fathers of this central Dutch town with a street in his name alongside Winston Churchill Lane and Franklin Roosevelt Square because all three "left their mark on history".

Guards watch

Celle (AP) – The Prince of Wales arrived here on a two-day visit to the 1st Battalion the Welsh Guards in West Germany, a British Army spokesman said.

Hurd denies discussing Ulster aid

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, yesterday said it would be "premature" to hold talks about economic assistance the United States might provide once a Northern Ireland settlement had been reached.

He noted, however, that President Reagan had often encouraged US investment (most recently in his St Patrick's Day message) in both parts of Ireland and had held out the prospect of direct economic assistance with reconstruction after a settlement.

Mr Hurd, who is on an eight-day visit to the United States, was dismissive of British reports suggesting that the Americans were considering a Marshall Aid-style economic rescue plan. US officials also denied any aid package.

Mr Hurd said he had not discussed economic or investment issues with the Reagan Administration during his visit. He also denied that Britain was under US pressure to move more quickly in its talks with the Dublin Government.

In Washington Mr Hurd met Mr Kenneth Dam, the Deputy Secretary of State, as well as prominent Irish-American congressmen, including Senator Edward Kennedy (Democrat, Massachusetts) and Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

He also had discussions with Mr William Webster, Director of the FBI.

Mr Hurd is also visiting New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles, all cities with large Irish-American populations. The main purpose of his visit, he said, was to inform Americans about the dialogue between London and Dublin and about British attempts to encourage discussion and understanding between the two communities of the North.

Correction

The cages of battery hens mentioned in a report from Brussels on March 21 have a floor area of 400 to 500 sq cm, not a capacity of 400 to 500 cubic cm.

Runcie sees churches as bridge to peace

From Peter Davenport
Liverpool

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said yesterday that the churches were in a "unique position" to help bridge the rift between East and West that threatened world peace. He was speaking in a policy debate at the three-day spring assmebly of the British Council of Churches in Liverpool.

Although other speakers raised the issue of heightened international tension following the shooting in East Berlin of a US Army major by a Russian soldier, Dr Runcie did not mention the incident specifically in his address, which called for realism in efforts to build bridges.

He urged that every available opportunity should be taken for Christians from East and West to meet, but said that discussions should include debates in three key areas. They should debate the freedom to criticize policies of either the Warsaw Pact or Nato; to discuss human rights of individuals as well as communites, according to the Helsinki Agreement; and to discuss all peace movements, including unofficial groups operating in Eastern Europe.

"The churches are in a unique position to help to bridging the rift between East and West which threatens not only the quality of global life, but life itself," he said.

Howe goes further to soften line on 'Star Wars'

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday softened further his tone towards the United States Strategic Defence Initiative.

In his original speech to the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies earlier this month, Sir Geoffrey in effect compared the SDI to the Maginot Line. This gave offence to the pro-SDI faction in the United States Administration.

In a speech a week later in Paris Sir Geoffrey seemed to mute his criticism. He continued this process yesterday in an interview with two West German regional newspapers, published in Cologne and Stuttgart.

He said Britain supported SDI research, but there was a difference between research and deployment. "The Soviet Union must be prevented from driving a wedge between the Western Allies, he said.

The "backbone" of British policy was "the four points which the Prime Minister and the President reached at Camp David" before Christmas. The Western powers were not trying to force any superiority. The start of SDI would be negotiated with the Soviet Union, and the existing policy of deterring the Soviet Union by means of mutual assured destruction would be maintained.

"We support SDI research," Sir Geoffrey said. "if only because of the fe, greater Soviet research" in space.

● GENEVA: "Star Wars" negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union got under way yesterday with a three-hour meeting at the Soviet diplomatic mission between teams headed by Mr Max Kampelman and Mr Yuli Kvitsinsky.

Officials declined to say if the atmosphere of the talks had been affected as a result of the shooting of a US Army officer by a Soviet guard in East Germany (Alan McGregor writes).

It was the first meeting since negotiations began two weeks ago in which the two sides had split into the three designated groups, dealing with defence and space, strategic nuclear arms and intermediate-range nuclear forces.

Mr Kampelman flew back during the night from Washington where he spent Monday talking to Congressmen in support of the Administration's bid for $1.5 billion for 21 MX missiles which the House voted on yesterday.

The strategic arms group meet today, at the US arms control and disarmament agency offices, led by Mr John Tower and Mr Viktor Karpov.

These are followed tomorrow by the INF groups at the Soviet compound. This pattern of meetings, alternating between the American and Soviet diplomatic premises, will continue until the current round of talks ends on April 23.



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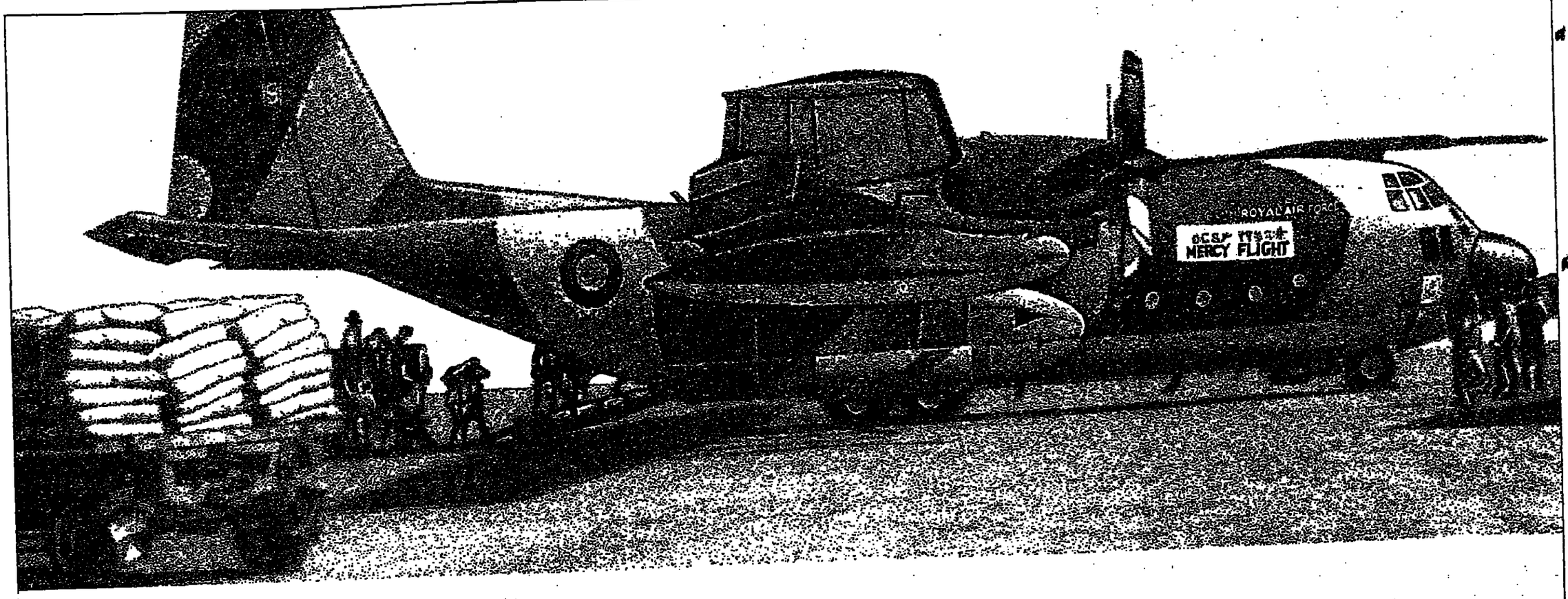
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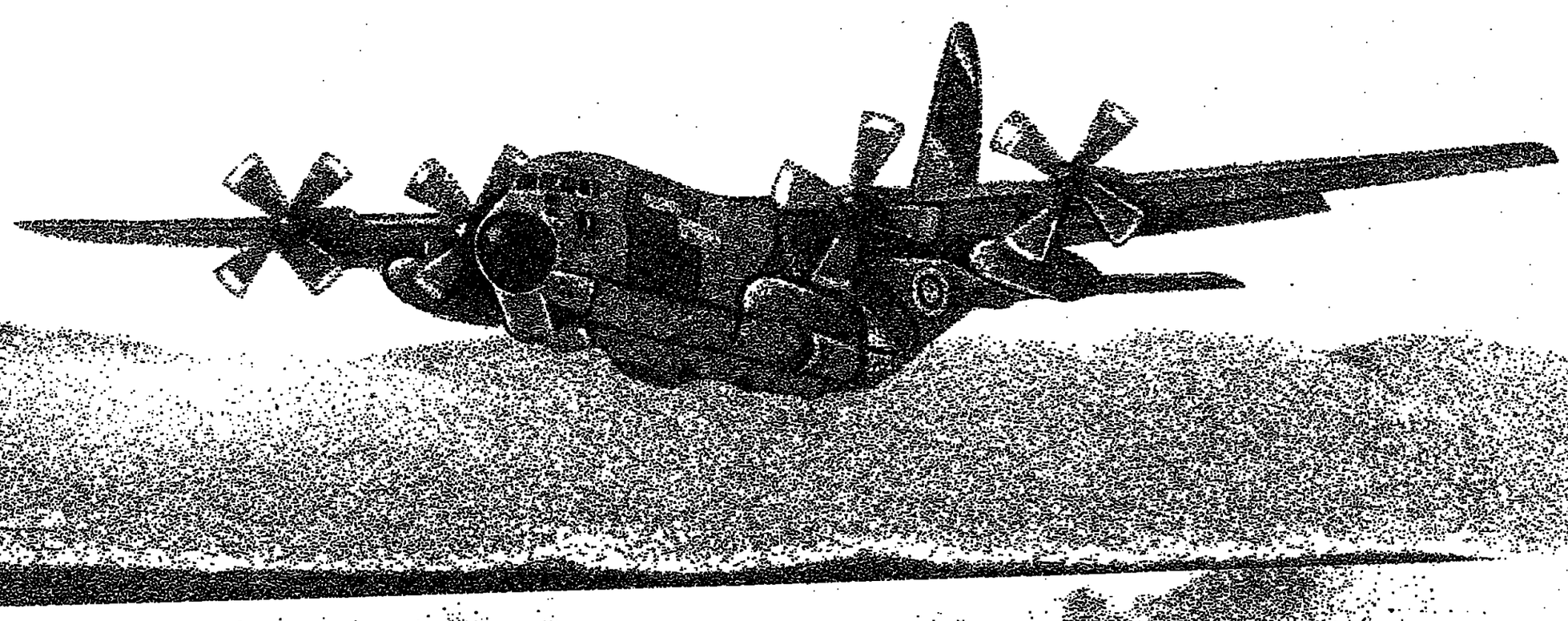
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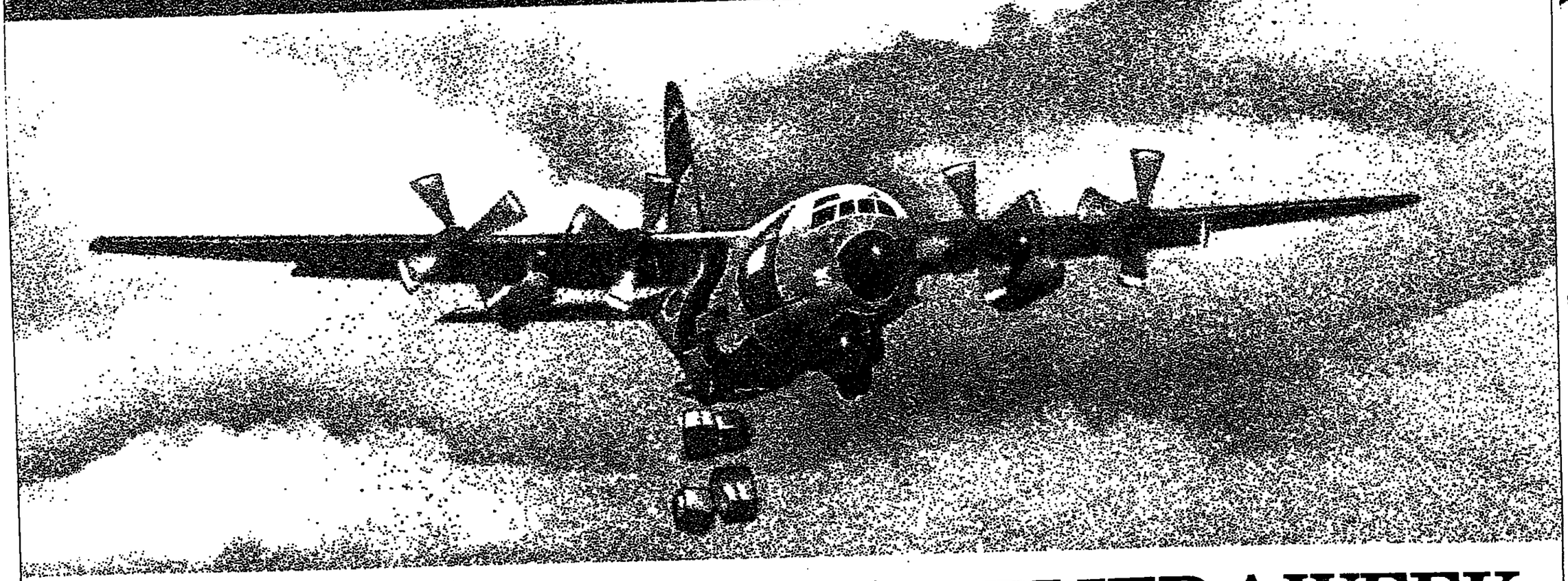
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Peres gives strong hint of speeded up Israeli pull-out from Lebanon

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday gave his strongest hint yet that the withdrawal from Lebanon has been greatly speeded up, leading to speculation that the bulk, if not all of Israel's troops will now be home by mid-May.

Answering questions from high school pupils in Upper Nazareth, the Prime Minister said: "We will leave Lebanon perhaps a lot faster than a lot of people think and are arguing about. We are dealing with matters of life and death, both as regards our soldiers who are there and as regards the lives of residents of Upper Galilee."

Mr Peres, who has come under mounting pressure from a number of Israeli groups, including the influential Peace Now movement, to increase the pace of the withdrawal, gave no specific deadline. He concluded: "We are weighing each and every move in order to prevent killing and murder, but without weakening the security of Galilee."

The Cabinet is due to meet soon to complete details for the third and final stage of the retreat. Ministers are known to have differing views about the desired width of the security zone over which Israel plans to maintain control through its proxy local miltias

In addition to the rapidly increasing casualties from the fierce guerrilla war being waged by the Shia Muslim residents of southern Lebanon, another reason for hastening the withdrawal is the serious effect the occupation is having on the morale and behaviour of the Israeli Defence Forces; especially younger soldiers.

It has just been announced that the Army is launching an urgent campaign to enforce safety orders in training exercises, operational activities and travel on the roads. Although no exact figures are available, military sources said the concern stemmed from a serious rise in casualties not directly caused by combat.

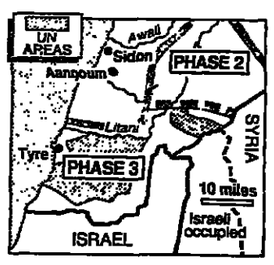
Discussing the campaign, Ms Tali Selinger, the respected defence correspondent of the Labour Party daily *Davar*, said: "The many accidents are but one aspect of the damage. One must ask what is causing them, and the answer is: relaxation of discipline in some cases, fatigue and anxiety in others.

"Either way, these are two symptoms of the same disease. Each symptom is also expressed in other ways. The fatigue and tension also cause mental anguish, sometimes to the point of suicide: the lax disicipline leads to sad stories of looting and conduct unbecoming to Israeli Defence Forces standards."

Questioned about this and other recent reports of suicides within the army brought on as a result of the deteriorating security situation in southern Lebanon, the army spokesman's office told *The Times*: "We do not give away any information on suicide cases. I cannot help you with that matter."

Bitter internal dissent in Israel about the war in Lebanon has led the families of 13 dead soldiers to band together to demand an official government commission of inquiry into it.

One bereaved parent has suggested that the sombre annual memorial day for all Israeli's many war dead should be used this year to demonstrate for such an inquiry. Another, Mr Yacov Guterman, complained during a visit to the Knesset that those he described as responsible for "the murder" of his son were still free, and in some cases, still holding positions of power in Israel.



Families begin retreat to safety



Safer home: A Christian family, fearing new clashes with Muslims after the second stage of Israel's withdrawal, moving into the mainly Christian Lebanese village of Roum.

Irritation mounts in Canada

Acid rain protests leave Reagan cold

From Trevor Fishlock, Quebec City

This is the time of the year when the maple trees of Canada and the United States are tapped for the sap that is rendered into the syrup that North Americans love to pour on their breakfast pancakes.

But the syrup-makers are finding that their trees are dying by the thousand. All across the American Eastern Seaboard and deep into Canada, forests are in decline and lakes and streams have become sterile as fish and plant life has died. The weight of scientific opinion is that acid rain is the principal poisoner.

Hence the disappointment in Canada and the American north-east at President Reagan's reluctance to take action on the sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides pollution, mainly from America's industrial heartland, which is carried downwind for hundreds of miles and falls as acid rain.

The Reagan Administration has always sidestepped the issue, refusing to take action, saying more research is needed.

It has ignored or rejected reports by American and Canadian scientists confirming the link between industrial pollution and damage to trees and rivers. It also shelved the reports of the President's own scientific advisers which said there was no need for more research and urged reductions in smokestack emissions.

The Administration is unwilling to order industry to clean up and anti-pollution Bills are stuck in Congress. Restrictions would be resisted by industry on cost grounds, and the Government has been warned that stricter pollution controls would increase electricity costs and reduce the demand for high-sulphur coal, putting thousands of miners out of work.

Mr David Stockman, the President's budget director, has remarked that the cost of cutting acid rain would amount to $6,000 for each pound of fish saved.

Apart from complaints from the north-eastern states, the President is under little domestic pressure to act on acid rain.

Canadians think acid rain is their greatest environmental threat and cite widespread damage to forests, fisheries and buildings.

They estimate that between a half and three-quarters of their acid rain comes from the US, and, over the past few years, have grown steadily more incensed by American prevarication. The irritation has grown into a big political issue, which is why Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, put it at the top of the agenda in his meeting with President Reagan here last week.

But the President did not offer Canadians the action they want. Instead, each side has appointed acid rain specialists to look at the problem.

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Press team halved in wake of kidnaps

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Another journalist left Beirut yesterday after the latest two kidnappings – of a Britain south of the capital and a Frenchman in the northern city of Tripoli – brought to 13 the number of Westerners missing in Lebanon.

Of the 45 Western reporters and television crews normally based in Beirut, fewer than 20 remain. Some have moved to the Christian, eastern, quarter of the city which is comparatively free of abductions.

Most of those kidnapped are thought to be held by the Islamic Jihad movement in the hope of forcing the Kuwaitis to release 17 Shia Muslims, mostly Iraqis, imprisoned after attacks on the US and French embassies in Kuwait City.

Is is still not clear whether Mr Alec Collett, the British freelance writer working with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, kidnapped from his car by armed men south of the Khalde road junction near the airport, was taken by members of the same organization. He was driven off down the old coast road in a green Volvo.

What makes Mr Collett's kidnap rather disturbing is that he had driven, only a few seconds before through a checkpoint of the Shia Muslim Amal militia movement which had scrutinized his papers.

Amal denies all responsibility for abductions in Beirut, and their members at Khalde were – to say the least – remarkably lax in not spotting the abduction.

Most of the Westerners now held in Lebanon are Americans, French and British (there are three Britains missing), whose nations formed part of the multinational force that controlled much of west Beirut after Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

Anonymous telephone callers claiming the kidnaps have variously demanded the release of the prisoners in Kuwait, an end to French arms supplies to Iraq, and the departure of all US citizens from Lebanon.

12 missing as storm sinks yachts

From Harry Debilius
Madrid

Air and sea rescuers searched off the northern Spanish coast yesterday for 12 people missing after a Swiss sailing boat bound from Britain to Portugal and a German motor yacht were lost in stormy seas.

One body was recovered but three others were rescued by a Spanish coastal freighter. All four were Swiss and from the El Pirata, a sailing vessel reportedly owned by a Swiss company.

It was on a voyage from Falmouth to Setubal in Portugal when it capsized on Monday about 90 miles off the north-west coast. There was no sign of eight other Swiss and Germans on the vessel.

The other yacht, which coastal patrol authorities did not immediately name, was reportedly a 25-metre vessel of German registration. It went down about 80 miles off the northern Spanish coast in the Bay of Biscay. Again there was no trace of four crew members mentioned in its radio "mayday" signals.

A Norwegian gas tanker, the Niels Henrik Abel, went to the rescue, but abandoned the attempt because of rough seas.

A French rescue service plane and a Spanish helicopter joined ships searching in the vicinity of both stricken vessels, but hopes for those still missing were slim because of weather and sea conditions.

EEC steel agreement in jeopardy

From Ian Murray
Brussels

France and Italy pressed hard at the EEC industry council in Brussels yesterday for special concessions which could put at risk the Community's steel industry restructuring plans, for which Britain has already sacrificed so much.

The two countries were asking for special dispensations allowing them to go on paying high levels of subsidies to their industries this year, above the agreed limits.

This was seen by other countries as an attempt to tear up the hard-won EEC agreement, which allows subsidies to be paid out only against cuts in steel-making capacity.

Britain, which has shed more capacity than any other country, was very unhappy about the demand. West Germany took a tough line by insisting that extra subsidies could be allowed only if France and Italy agreed to more capacity cuts.

Ministers last night were trying to head off a threat by France and Italy to pay out the extra subsidies with or without an agreement.

In theory all subsidies to the steel industry are to stop at the end of this year. But the present argument threatens the negotiations to phase in a new, profitable Community steel industry through painful restructuring of the kind carried our in British Steel by Mr Ian MacGregor.

Tax deal may not help Italian parish priests

From Peter Nichols, Rome

Many Italian parish priests face an uncertain financial future after publication of a poll showing that only about half the expected number of practising Roman Catholcs are willing to take advantage of new tax arrangements intended to help the Church.

One of the innovations in the Concordat about to be approved by Parliament is that the state will cease to pay the wages of needy priests. Instead, a system will be introduced by which taxpayers may earmark 0.8 per cent of the income tax they pay to be made over to the Church.

Another innovation is that voluntary contributions made directly to the Church of not more than 2million lire (£900) a year are free of tax.

The Church authorities estimated that these arrangements would bring in the same amount as the state has been paying to support priests. But the poll shows that less than 15 per cent of people questioned were willing to make over 0.8 per cent of their taxes for the Church's use.

The new system will come into effect in 1990 and in the meantime, parish priests no doubt, will be setting out to convince taxpaying parishioners not to render unto Caesar the whole lot.

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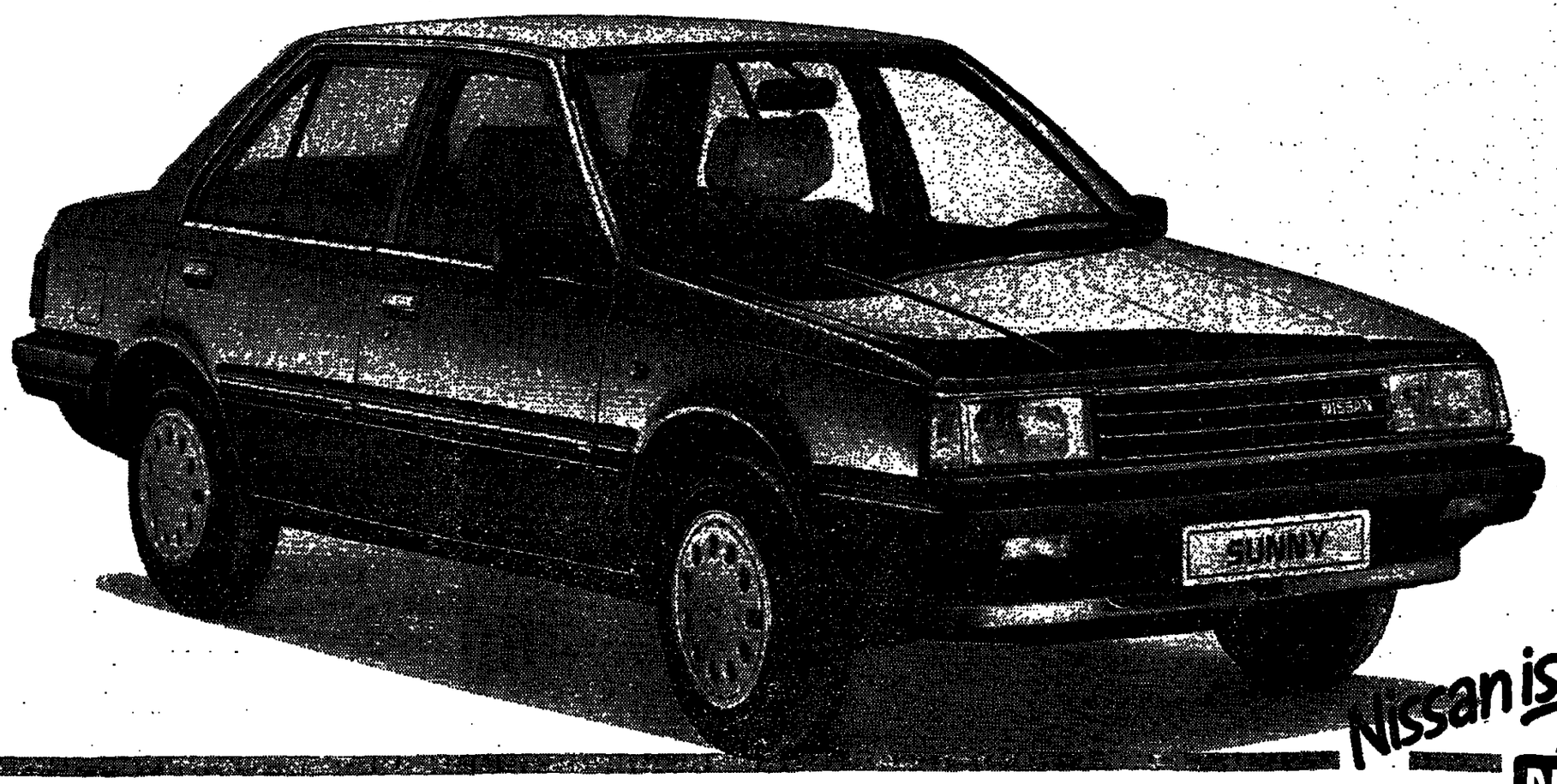
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Hungarian reforms get stamp of approval from Soviet delegates

From Roger Boyes, Budapest

The Soviet Union yesterday gave a cautious stamp of approval to Hungary's liberal economic reform course, but served warning that the West should be denied political leverage in Eastern Europe.

Mr Grigori Romanov, a senior Soviet Politburo member and one-time contender for the party leadership was speaking at the Hungarian party congress in Budapest, the first gathering in the Soviet bloc since the Kremlin's succession of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

Hungary and many other East European countries engaged in reforms were listening intently to this first message and assessment from the new Soviet leadership. It was a somewhat Delphic speech that seemed to set limits to reforms and change within Eastern Europe without defining those limits; a speech, that in the words of one Hungarian analyst, showed that "the thinking of the Moscow leadership is still in flux – but we prefer that to stoney paralysis".

Mr Romanov emphasized that national interest in Eastern Europe was above all served best by cooperation within the Soviet-led alliance. But he noted in the key phrase: "We are also for increased business links with capitalist countries. However, we will not let imperialist forces use this area as a means of interference in internal affairs or a means of applying pressure."

Moscow's preference then is for strong business rather than political ties with the West. Clearly the Kremlin wants to avoid a situation where Nato can again declare economic sanctions – as it did against Poland and cripple a communist economy.

But Mr Romanov seemed to concede that the Kremlin was not in a position to assert a change of course in Hungary or other reformist states. We "all recognize how important and valuable is cooperation in the socialist community where there is no scope for domination, subordination, forced will, or the machanical imposition of one identity on another."

The Hungarian reform, he reminded the 935 delegates, would not have been possible without Soviet assistance. In the past 40 years Hungary had constructed a new society, Mr Romanov said, but had done this "in close unity" with the socialist community.

The Soviet Union is indeed helping to keep Hungary on course by supplying it with cheap oil and paying with hard currency for food exports. Hungarian planners are only too aware that a slight change in the terms of trade with the Soviet Union – or a steep rise in Western interest rates – could bring reform to a halt at any moment.

Speaker after speaker declared yesterday the need for harder work, greater productivity, higher quality output and determination to create and maintain export markets in the West and East. The speakers included György Lazar, the Prime Minister.



Royal Honour: King Husain of Jordan and Queen Noor in Madrid's city hall after he received the key to the city in a four-day visit to Spain.

British backing for Athens cools marbles tension

From Mario Modiano
Athens

Athens' claim for the return of marble sculptures from the Acropolis, rejected last year by the British Government, has not harmed relations, according to Miss Melina Mercouri, the Greek Culture Minister, who champions the cause.

"We cannot let this issue upset our friendly relations," she said. "Besides, we believe that the British people want the sculptures to be returned to Greece."

She added that Britain's impressive contribution to celebrations proclaiming Athens as the cultural capital of Europe on June 21 proved that relations were "very friendly".

The British participation includes performances by the Royal Opera of *King Priam* and *Macbeth*, as well as the National Theatre in Sir Peter Hall's *Coriolanus*.

Asked if she would take Britain to court to retrieve the Elgin Marbles from the British Museum, Miss Mercouri said this was a possibility if efforts to regain them through Unesco bore no fruit.

Tikhonov absence hints at an early departure

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Soviet Prime Minister, failed to attend the Russian Republic Supreme Soviet (Parliament) yesterday, strengthening speculation that he will soon step down as Prime Minister in Mr Mikhail Gorbahov's shake-up of the administration and party apparatus.

Mr Tikhonov, who will be 80 in May, appeared unsteady and in poor health at the funeral of President Chernenko earlier this month. At one stage he had to be supported by aides.

His most likely successor, should he retire, is Mr Vitaly Vorotnikov, aged 59, one of Mr Gorbachov's closest allies and a technocrat noted for strong anti-corruption views. Mr Vorotnikov was reconfirmed yesterday as Prime Minister of the Russian Republic.

The Russian Federated Republic is the most important of the 15 Soviet republics. Its institutions have their headquarters in Moscow alongside national bodies, giving its officials added status. The next session of the national Supreme Soviet is not expected until June and will decide whether to elect Mr Gorbachov President as well as party leader.

Mr Gorbachov was given a short standing ovation yesterday and sat on the platform chatting to Mr Andrei Gromyko, the old guard Foreign Minister who crossed the generation gap on March 11 to nominate Mr Gorbachov, aged 54, to succeed Mr Chernenko.

Mr Gorbachov's drive for efficiency – an echo of the brief but decisive Andropov era – continued yesterday with official censure of ministers and administrators in the Ukraine for corruption and incompetence.

Officials in light industry, the meat and dairy sectors of agriculture and higher education were reprimanded in *Pravda* for bribery and negligence, and Ukrainian ministers of energy, forestry and ferrous metals were attacked for failing to maintain discipline and meet plan targets. No sackings were announced however.

Lisbon recalls 1957 visit

Queen given a welcome back

From Richard Wigg, Lisbon

In what seemed like a "welcome back" reception from the Lisbon crowds, as if to suggest that memories linger from their 1957 visit, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh began their second state visit to Portugal yesterday.

The crowds, applauding and relaxed, were not over numerous and almost everyone got an exceptionally good view in the prevailing friendly atmosphere.

Security, so far, seems more relaxed than officials had promised, with Portuguese photographers getting very near to the Queen.

The Queen on an open dais was photographed from very close throughout the playing of the national anthems before the Jerónimos monastery and again by a crowd of photographers while strolling with Prince Philip through the gardens of the presidential palace.

The arrival in the capital of Britain's oldest ally was carried out in great style. The Royal yacht Britannia, escorted by HMS Boxer and three Portuguese frigates, had sailed up the Tagus estuary through morning mists, which cleared as the Queen and Prince Philip came ashore to be greeted by President and Senhora Ramálho Eanes.

The Queen laid a wreath on the tomb of Luis Camoens, Portugal's greatest poet.

She and Prince Philip lunched at the presidential palace with their Portuguese hosts.

Lisbon's main shopping area, the Chiado, has the windows filled with Union Jacks, portraits of the Queen and Prince Philip and of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

A British sales drive is under way for children's toys, biscuits, chocolates, Scotch whisky and books about Britain, some in French which appears to be easier than English for most Portuguese to learn.

Economy needs IMF boost

Jamaica forecast is pain and more pain

From Jeremy Taylor, Port of Spain, Trinidad

Jamaica will be seeking further help from the International Monetary Fund when its current one-year support programme expires next month, and the Prime Minister, Mr Edward Seaga, has warned Jamaicans that there can be no let-up in the austerity programme he has followed since coming to power in 1980.

Jamaica, after eight years of socialist government in the 1970s under Mr Michael Manley, was supposed to be a showpiece of economic recovery under President Reagan's Caribbean Basin initiative, which completed its first year of operation in 1984.

Mr Seaga has opened up the Jamaica economy, wooed American investment, and urged manufacturers to exploit the new export openings into the US market. He has also reduce domestic credit, cut subsidies, fired thousands of public sector workers and drastically devalued the Jamaican dollar.

But the island is still struggling and the "deliverance" he promised seems still to be out of reach. "I ask you to believe that there is no alternative to these strategies", Mr Seaga told Jamaicans last month, "even though they hurt. The choice is not between pain and pleasure, but pain and more pain".

Mr Seaga maintains that the austerity programme is slowly producing results. The twice-weekly foreign exchange auctions which set the exchange rate against the US dollar (the rate has fallen from 1.78 in late 1983 to around 5.50) have forced up the price of imports. But the lower rate, Mr Seaga says, is strengthening tourism, agriculture and manufacturing. Over 100 new investment projects have emerged in each of the last three years, though the largest single project to come on stream so far is a $65 million ethanol plant run by a Californian company. Economic growth for last year is estimated at 0.5 per cent.

But there have been warning signs this year that Jamaicans are reaching the limits of their endurance. In January a 20 per cent rise in petrol prices sparked off demonstrations and protests which left seven people dead and caused further financial losses. Tourist arrivals for January alone fell by 10 per cent, causing a foreign exchange loss of $2 million. A further blow came in February with the abrupt closure of Alcoa's 550,000 tonne alumina refinery, with the loss of 800 jobs, $40 million in foreign exchange and about $24 million in local earnings.

Coming after the withdrawal of another bauxite company, Reynolds, last year, and uncertainty over the future of Alpart's refinery, the closure represents a further contraction in Jamaica's crucial bauxite industry, which is already suffering from low prices and slack demand.

These setbacks may make it harder for Jamaica to meet the IMF's strict quarterly performance test at the end of this month, when Mr Seaga is due to have reduced the fiscal budget deficity from 17 to 8.3 per cent of GDP, and to produce a balance of payments surplus of $300 million, $100 million of which should be in liquid reserves.

"We will certainly have another IMF agreement," Mr Seaga said last month, but he declined to speculate on the terms beyond the need to reduce the deficit further to 4 per cent of GDP.

Mr Seaga has poured cold water on a chorus of requests for his Jamaica Labour Party and Mr Manley's People's National Party to begin a dialogue and develop consensus solutions to the country's problems.

Mr Seaga does not have to call elections until late 1988, having won all 60 seats in parliament in a snap election in December 1983, which was boycotted by the PNP.

Although the PNP is pressing hard for fresh elections, Mr Seaga is unlikely to give way: opinion polls suggest that the PNP would easily win an election at this stage.



Mr Seaga: "No alternative" to austerity programme.



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Tehran buys more weapons as Iraq applies pressure to end Gulf conflict

Peking signs £1.3 billion deal to give Khomeini new arsenal

By a Correspondent

Recent heavy war losses by Iran both in men and equipment have added urgency and significance to a $1.6 billion (£1.36 billion) arms deal signed with China.

Under the terms of the agreement, which is the largest since Ayatollah Khomeini gained power in 1979, the Iranians will receive over two years a complete arsenal of the Chinese versions of Russian-designed equipment.

The contract was signed for the Iranians by Colonel Ismail Suhrabi, Chief of Staff of the armed forces, and for the Chinese by a senior prime ministerial adviser, Mr Jang Jing Fu, who headed a senior delegation to Tehran this month.

According to a report in the London-based Arabic language newsletter *at-Taqrir (The Report)* a joint organization, The North Company, has been formed to supervise the transactions.

This is by far the biggest arms deal since the rise of Khomeini. Iran has been using and patching up weaponry bought from the West under the Shah, complemented by secret deals with Israel, North Korea, Libya, Syria, Chile and Argentina.

At-Taqrir says the first part of the deal calls for the export of 12 Shen Yang F6 fighter planes (a copy of the 1950s Russian MiG 19), 200 T59 main battle tanks (based on the Soviet T54), hundreds of 122mm and 130mm field guns, and replicas of Soviet SAM2 and SAM7 missiles, as well as 107mm and 122mm multi-barrelled rocket launchers.

Many countries are anxious that neither side should win the Gulf War and have worked towards maintaining a military balance, but the stalemate in the four-and-a-half-year-old war is also partly explained by the two sides' complementary assets and deficiencies.

Iraq has overwhelmingly better and more modern equipment, though inferior in manpower and training. Iran's manpower superiority has so far compensated for the elderly Heath Robinson contraptions that serve as military equipment.

The Chinese deal may encourage Iran to remain inflexible in its attitude to peace negotiations, particularly as there are reports from Tehran that delivery of the Chinese weapons has already begun.

To pay for the weaponry, Iran has agreed to supply China with two million tonnes of crude oil over the two years and, at Chinese request, to pay a quarter of the bill in hard currency.

● An Iranian spokesman in London has contested the accuracy of the report (Hazhir Teimourian writes). He says that even updated versions of the MiG19 would be no match for Iraq's MiG23s, MiG25s and Mirage F1s. He does, however, concede that Iran is also fighting autonomy-seeking Kurds in the north-west, and that the MiG19 could be useful there.

There have been persistent reports in the European press over the past year that Iran was convert up to 80 Pilatus 7 trainers from Switzerland to ground-attack aircraft for use against the Kurds.

As for the artillery pieces in the reported deal, these could be most useful to Iran against Iraq.

According to information acquired by *The Times*, rifling inside the barrels of Iran's 155mm guns is wearing out. This may be one reason why Iran launched its recent attack on the Al-Hawizah marshes, for its guns could no longer strike at the Basra-Baghdad highway

Baghdad offers two options: Peace or all-out war

Baghdad (Reuter, AP) – Iraq is prepared to expand the Gulf war to "cover every corner of Iran" unless Tehran agrees to a comprehensive peace solution, the official government newspaper Jumhuriya said.

An editorial in the paper said Iraq would not allow the 54-month-old war to continue.

"We shall expand the war front to cover every corner in Iran until the rulers of Iran resort to logic." The paper said Iraq had decided "that it should be either an all-out sweeping war that spares nothing in Iran, or a comprehensive and just peace.

Meanwhile Iraq claimed yesterday its jet fighters hit two ships and "selected targets" in three Iranian cities, including Tehran.

An Iraqi military spokesman said the aircraft returned safely from pre-dawn raids on Tehran, Kermanshah and Hamadan.

Marine salvage executives in the Gulf said they picked up a distress signal from the 24,000-ton Panamanian-registered bulk carrier Cape Gwader, reporting trouble in the engine room and requesting immediate assistance.

●TEHRAN: a lone Iraqi plane attacked residential areas of Tehran early yesterday, killing at least seven people and injuring 30, Iran's national news agency said (Reuter reports).



War victim: An Iranian soldier in a London hospital with burns Iran says were caused by chemical weapons.

Iraq's use of mustard gas is confirmed

Washington (NYT) – United States intelligence analysts have concluded that Iraq used chemical weapons in repelling Iran's latest offensive in the Gulf war, Administration officials said.

The United States condemned Iraq in March 1984 for using poison gas against Iran. There had been no new reports until Iran accused Iraq last week of using it again.

Iran flew purported victims of the attacks to Austria and West Germany, where some doctors were quoted as saying the wounded showed signs of having been under attack by mustard gas, a blistering agent that damages any tissue.

An American official said preliminary evidence indicated the Iraqis were using mustard gas, known chemically as BIS-(2-chloroethyl) sulphide.

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, on Monday conferred at the State Department with Mr Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Foreign Minister. Afterwards the department avoided accusing Iraq of using chemical weapons, but officials, who asked not to be quoted, said intelligence analysts had no doubt that Iraq was using them again.

● IRANIAN DIES: An Iranian soldier being treated in a London hospital for burns he suffered in the Gulf war died yesterday (Reuter reports). He was the second Iranian to die in Europe this week, among the 33 flown in last week.

Nicaragua's Stalin ploy condemned by Reagan

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

President Reagan, maintaining his rhetorical pressure in the build up to attempts to persuade Congress that funding Nicaragua's guerrillas should be resumed, has accused the Sandinista Government of using "Stalin's tactic" in relocating thousands of citizens who "do not support their tyrannical regime".

He was referring to reports that the government had been moving people out of their homes in northern Nicaragua, apparently to create a "free-fire zone" in preparation for a long-expected offensive against guerrillas in the area.

A report from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, yesterday said the United States began daily spy flights over two weeks ago

President Reagan, addressing a meeting of Central American businessmen, said Nicaragua's forced relocation was similar to "using Stalin's tactic of Gulag relocation".

Russian aid to Cuba and Nicaragua was designed to "turn Central America into a Soviet beach-head of aggression that could spread terror and instability north and south, disrupt our vital sea lanes, cripple our ability to carry out our commitments to our European allies, and send tens of millions of refugees streaming in a human tidal wave across the border", he said.

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Alert over toxic chemicals

Poisoning of air in America 'staggering'

New York (NYT) – The first systematic survey of toxic chemicals being emitted into the air in the United States, has found hazardous materials at far higher levels and at many more locations than suspected, according to a congressional survey released yesterday.

The survey of 80 large chemical companies found that thousands of tons of cancer-causing agents and other very hazardous materials are being released into the atmosphere from hundreds of factories. There are no uniform standards to control the emissions of most of the substances, the survey said, and some of the materials are subject to no regulations.

"No Government agency has ever attempted to gather this information, and the information we received is no reassuring," said Mr Henry Waxman, a California Democrat who ordered the survey as chairman of the House subcommittee on health and the environment.

"Almost every chemical plant we received information about is releasing staggeringly high rates of hazardous chemicals, even in routine releases," he said.

The impetus for the survey arose from disclosures that no regulations controlled the release of methyl isocyanate, the substance that killed more than 2,000 people in Bhopal, India, on December 3.

There has been great interest in the survey because no national inventory has ever been taken of toxic chemicals emitted into the air. The Federal Environmental Protection Agency last month surveyed one county, Kanawha, in West Virginia, around a Union Carbide plant similar to the Bhopal plant. It found a spectrum of toxic substances in a region where some preliminary data have shown higher than normal numbers of cancer deaths at selected sites.

Detailed questionnaires were sent in late January to 80 of the largest chemical companies asking them to list the amounts of proven and suspected carcinogens and other hazardous materials being released into the air. A total of 67 companies responded, about 50 of them in detail.

Chinese to get back gun battle boat

From David Watts
Tokyo

South Korea will return a torpedo boat and its remaining crew to the Chinese Government today at a point in the Yellow Sea mid-way between the two countries.

The Chinese apologized yesterday for the boat's violation of South Korean waters last Friday after a gun battle on board which six of the crew were killed. The apology was contained in a memorandum handed over at the South Korean Consulate in Hong Kong. South Korea has no diplomatic relations with China.

Bulgaria rejects Ankara call on repatriation

From Rasit Gurdilek
Ankara

Bulgaria has rejected repeated calls by Turkey for their foreign ministers to discuss possible repatriation to Turkey of ethnic Turks subjected to forced assimilation in Bulgaria.

A Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday that a Bulgarian reply to Turkey's second Note has been handed to the Turkish Ambassador in Sofia, "but unfortunately it did not have a positive content".

In earlier statements, Bulgarian officials here said that the ethnic Turks have opted voluntarily for Bulgarian names, contrary to reports of pressure and atrocities.

US experts teach allies how to fight terrorism

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

United States military personnel and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) are reported to be training anti-terrorist units for about a dozen countries, including Lebanon and Honduras. The reported aim is to increase allied governments' ability to combat hostage-taking, plane hijackings and other terrorist acts.

The Washington Post quoted unnamed government sources as saying: "It's part of a worldwide programme. It's been very successful."

The newspaper said special anti-terrorist squads were being modelled on the US military's elite Strike Force Delta, which carried out an abortive mission in 1980 to rescue the American hostages in Iran. It said that as part of the US war against terrorism, American personnel advised the Sudanese during a recent hostage-taking and handed over intelligence picked up by US spy satellites.

The paper quoted US officials as saying the anti-terrorist effort is kept secret because individual countries might not want it known that they receive secret aid, or because it could tip off a potential terrorist group.

It said that in Honduras, US Green Berets who conducted anti-terrorist training posed as civilians, wore casual clothes and were ordered to stay away from other US military personnel in the country.

They reportedly travelled to Honduras on board commercial aircraft and carried identification papers saying they were civilian engineers.

It was also reported over the weekend that the Reagan Administration is planning to give direct and overt aid for the first time to the non-communist Cambodian resistance movement. The aid was described as a relatively small educational programme to enable the rebels to administer and govern Cambodia if they win.

US officials were quoted as saying that the significance of supplying teachers, but not guns, would be mostly symbolic and political. Until now, overt US aid to the Cambodian resistance has been solely humanitarian, although there have been suggestions that the CIA has channelled funds to the resistance fighters in South-East Asian countries.

In February, foreign ministers of the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean), the main organization of non-communist countries in the region, called on foreign powers to provide military aid to the resistance groups.

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THE ARTS

Concert

Pleasing restraint

Peter Serkin

St John's/Radio 3

Those who relish power and passion from a pianist may not have warmed to Peter Serkin's Monday lunchtime offering. He chose predominantly introspective pieces, and even in these he maintained a lyrical and mostly placid line where there were opportunities for greater forcefulness.

So in the first four of Chopin's Op 41 Mazurkas the dominant feeling was of wistfulness. The dance rhythms were observed through a soft focus, and the exotic meanderings of the C sharp minor Mazurka were allowed to fall into natural cadences and not coerced into a superimposed dynamic scheme. The fantasia-like contrasts of the first movement of Beethoven's Op 109 Sonata, too, seemed to follow less abruptly than usual, and in the finale Serkin seemed intent on maintaining a unity of mood between the variations, rather than instilling each one with its own character.

That fountain of trills near the end, for instance, had a meditative beauty that led comfortably into the recapitulation of the hymn-like theme. In more extrovert hands it usually provides an ecstatic climax to the whole movement. It was doubtless to maintain this rhapsodic quality that the contrapuntal fifth variation was pedalled far too heavily for the lines to be distinct.

Serkin's strengths and weaknesses were summarized neatly by his performance of Mozart's B flat Sonata, K 570. An unevenness in tempo caused some rushed endings of phrases, particularly in the finale where the music's playful nature surely suggests a lighter, more pointed articulation than that provided here. But Serkin's gentle fluency, which occasionally surprises with flecks of steelier tone or an unusually stressed tenuto, has a restrained, musicianly quality which makes listening to him a pleasant and relaxed experience.

Richard Morrison

● Washington Opera opens their 1985-86 season, on October 26, with a new production of *Don Giovanni*, the third collaboration between them and the Paris Orchestra. Daniel Barenboim conducts. Jean-Pierre Ponnelle directs and designs, and Renato Bruson takes the title role.

Otar Yosseliani (right) made a rare visit West to direct *Les Favoris de la lune*, which opens here tomorrow: interview by Paul Pawlikowski and David Robinson

The Captain Cook of the cinema



Few Soviet directors have succeeded in making films in the West, and Otar Yosseliani is the only one of them to come from Georgia, the liveliest and most independent centre of film production in the USSR. His French picture *Les Favoris de la lune*, a comic morality which is also a sparkling, stranger's-eye panorama of Parisian life and follies, opens tomorrow at the Chelsea Cinema and Camden Plaza.

Yosseliani is a tall, stooping, bald man of 50, with olive skin, heavy moustache and, as his most striking feature, the huge, melancholy, observant eyes of a sad clown. His early education was startling in its variety: he completed a course in composition, pianoforte and orchestral direction at the Tbilisi Conservatoire; then changed tack and studied mechanics and mathematics in Moscow. In turn he interrupted this course to enter the Moscow Film Institute – where his tutors were Alexander Dovzhenko and Mikhail Romm – finally graduating as a film director in 1961.

Versatility has proved necessary. His films have fairly consistently upset the Soviet film establishment and censorship, with the result that there have been long periods when he has had to find alternative work. After his 1961 short *April*, he was obliged to earn a living as a sailor and miner. Since then he has made four features, *When Leaves Fall*, *There Was a Singing Blackbird*, *Pastorale* and *Euskadi – Summer of '82*, but spent more time as a university lecturer than in films.

"I'm in the happy position of being neither financially nor emotionally dependent on film-making. I can live quite happily without cinema. It's not my only source of income: I have my job as a teacher of film at the Tbilisi Academy of Fine Arts and can always make a living without selling myself. This gives me financial security and a guarantee against being used either by ideology or by commerce.

"Once my script is ready I won't tolerate anyone tampering with it. They can take it or leave it. Of course I would never make a wholly delirious film to bewilder the unfortunate audience; and at the same time I think it's only fair that producers should be able to earn their money back. But I don't want anyone to try to make big money out of my work or use me for other ends of his own. For my own part, I don't want to get rich at the cost of artistic humiliation and insincerity."

Yosseliani's Georgian films have so faithfully recorded his own society that they have sometimes the look of ethnographical documents. "There's a lot of ethnography in *Les Favoris de la lune*, too, though my approach has changed. I view Paris through the slightly amazed eyes of a Captain Cook amid the aborigines of Papua. It's a foreigner's point of view, and reflects a certain culture-shock.

"Incidentally, I am even more shocked by London, which I find quite mad and savage. On the other hand, of course, an Englishman arriving in Italy will consider life there quite insane and unhinged. There is always this element of amazement when you make an ethnographical record of a place that is foreign to you.

"Wherever you shoot, though, the ethnographic element is inevitable. You can't tell stories and show characters without observing the pulse of life which gives rise to them in the first place. Stories that aren't steeped in their own times (take Resnais's *L'Amour a mort* for instance) are dry and cadaverous. But I am not interested in ethnographical research and record for its own sake, but only to answer more general questions, like how do people live on this earth?

"My perspective on Europe is above all that of someone from an ancient mediterranean culture. If I set myself up as a moralist, and express anxiety over the destruction of certain values in Europe, it is really because the same fate is awaiting us Georgians. For a Georgian, *Les Favoris de la lune* is a sort of future-fiction. We still maintain old cultural, social, domestic codes, perhaps, but it is all beginning to disappear, as modern ways of life, Western clothes and music bit by bit change the value and sensibility of our youth, along with their sense of form and rhythm.

"The guiding notion was the sadness of being alone on this earth, and trying to fill the void inside you with material, tangible, transient things. To get these things people will commit sins and errors, they will lie and steal. And then the weight of misdeeds makes them still more lonely and unhappy. They're more to be pitied than blamed. They are naive: it is the world which has separated them from normal healthy work. But this materialism is very sad.

"Do the English drink a lot?", he asks suddenly. "To make a film in France, you have to be a big drinker like me. When you work in Paris, you have hundreds of friends around you, and they like to sit about and talk – and drink, naturally."

Many of the actors were friends and non-professionals. "It's much better to cast people in roles that are really like themselves. With actors you find yourself wasting a lot of time: they always want you to give them a whole biography of the character they are playing. Then again, I didn't want recognizable faces in the film. I hate films that are just settings for some bright jewel like Catherine Deneuve."

He does not admire too many of his Soviet fellow-directors, though he likes the classic films of Boris Barnet and the work of his Georgian contemporaries Georgii Shengelaya and Otar Abesadze. He admires Andrei Tarkowski for his orginality and independence, even though he "can't stand all that rain and smoke and fire" and feels it is somewhat ill-bred "to be always emphasizing how religious you are – like announcing that your father is a marquis".

Tarkowski's self-chosen exile in the West would certainly not be the way for Yosseliani. *Les Favoris de la lune* has not whetted his appetite for future Western productions: "One film is enough. It was a good idea to widen my horizons and look beyond the confines of Georgia; but, quite frankly, your problems in the West are not mine. We have our own different problems in the East. A couple of Captain Cook expeditions into this bizarre world are probably enough.

"I think exile is only an option for someone threatened with death. The bedrock of our personality lies in our childhood. The separation from our childhood – even from an apartment associated with it – is always tragedy and trauma. So is the separation from certain landscapes and customs, which give you security. Even if the country is poor and has laws that are difficult to understand – these things are still what make up the life of the land you were born into and shaped by. So it's better to drink your cup of bitterness – and let's not kid ourselves, it's bitter everywhere – in a place that is your home, rather than be a foreigner somewhere else. What an unbearable thought – to be a foreigner for life!"

Television

Hypocrisy enshrined

John Hawkesworth's Oscar, proclaimed as a trilogy but more, it seems, one play divided into three, began last night on BBC2. It should have a large following.

Wilde's fascination as the most famous victim of the infamous second amendment of the Criminal Law Amendment Act continues, more widely appreciated perhaps than his literary merit, in an age where his sexual predilections have long been not only comparatively unremarkable but frequently, particularly on television, a subject of jest. It may indicate a celebration of a perception that society is less anxious these days to enshrine hypocrisy.

There is nothing revelatory in this elaborate production. It follows well-worn paths, but there is a challenge, the most interesting part of the whole thing, for the actor who has to emulate a man concealed behind so many masks. Michael Gambon is more than equal to it.

He bears a considerable facial and physical resemblance to his subject and, of course, he has the best lines, but it cannot be easy for a large, shambling heterosexual to convert himself into a Wilde and not fall occasionally over the edge of camp. Mr Gambon did not even teeter towards it and, despite a physique that would look well in an England – or, in his case, Ireland – front row, suggested a vulnerability that will be needed as Wilde's fortunes plunge.

Last night took us from Wilde's first meeting with Bosie to his initiation of a prosecution for criminal libel against Lord Queensberry. Robin Lermitte, a comparative newcomer, plays the feckless Bosie well, not being too overcast by the mighty Gambon shadow. Norman Rodway obviously perceived Lord Queensberry as mad as a barking dog and plays him so, reinforcing the convictions of those who believe that aristocracy and insanity are concomitant.

A happy thing for actors about a production such as this is that, apart from enabling them to wear splendid costumes, which tends to bring out bravura, it also provides much employment.

Anglia's Alice in Wonderland – what diversity television offers – began the first of its five parts with 12-year-old Giselle Andrews as Alice. Much is made about the special effects and "multi-image projection" in this Harry Aldous production, though the technology appeared roughly obtrusive in places, particularly, maybe appropriately, when Alice was awash in the lake of tears. Also, no doubt due to the arbitrary division into five parts, this instalment ended in a whimper. Youthful image projection, fine-tuned beyond technology, will probably compensate.

Dennis Hackett

Theatre

Verbicidal impulse

He's the Boss!

Latchmere

The full title of Dario Fo's play, *The Worker Knows Three Hundred Words, The Boss a Thousand, That's Why He's The Boss!*, makes a paradoxically unwieldly slogan and an appealingly daft proposition which the work itself declines to explore or even illustrate. The programme warns that parts of this play are "serious drama" but gives no hint as to which parts it refers to, unless "serious" means "solemn". This translation is by David Hirst.

In the library of a working men's community centre in Italy eight volunteers set about clearing out the dust catchers to make room for more populist amenities: pinball, pool, space invaders. As will happen under such circumstances, one of them actually opens a book; the lights dim and historical characters pop up from the tea-chests. A republican prisoner is noisily tortured by Franco's police. The Czech Communist leader Slansky relives his show trial and is then hanged. Mussolini's Communist antagonist, Gramsci, has a hard time in jail. And so on.

In the second half, updated material credited to James Pettifer breathes some contemporary hot air into the sagging balloon. Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan cavort together in Fluck and Law style masks, and the Pope, similarly masked, tangos with a floosie named "Sally Darity". Then it is back to what I suppose must be termed the historical-cultural perspective as the Russian futurist poet Mayakovsky, whom Signor Fo claims as a prime influence, wanders on to shoot himself.

Predating the celebrated *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*, this piece was written in the late 1960s and exhibits many of the slack tendencies of that self-indulgent age. Here a glib send up, there a borrowed sonority, everywhere a fever of sententiousness. The result is a rehearsal not so much for the revolution as for the dud bits in the films of Jean-Luc Godard.

Rehearsal is precisely what this production by Michael Batz could do with more of. Some of the interjections are decidedly off-beat, as if the players had been pressed into an inaptly snappy mode of delivery, and some of the regional and foreign accents they attempt need sprucing up. I cannot believe that the impression of students playing with an attic full of props and costumes was intended.

Mussolini is vividly if unoriginally rendered by Daniel Foley as a little Italian hood in a leather overcoat, and Hilary Townley does an overlong bravura turn as a Sicilian peasant telling the story of a community's struggle for an adequate water supply when she is silenced by two men dressed as nuns. The relief is palpable.

But if any here are genuinely interested in the relation of literacy to power, they might do better to consider the verbicidal impulses of Pentagonese and pornography – which may anyway prove to be manifestations of the same thing.

Martin Cropper

Dance

Royal Ballet

Covent Garden

Until the last ballet on Monday night's triple bill at Covent Garden, it seemed as if the high point of the evening would be provided by a singer. Colette Alliot-Lugaz brought real distinction to Michael Corder's *L'Invitation au voyage*, and her interpretation of the five Duparc songs which provide the accompaniment to the ballet had strength, delicacy and beauty of tone.

Corder integrates the singer very closely with his dancers, and Alliot-Lugaz moved among them with such grace that she really did become part of the ensemble. But despite Yolanda Sonnabend's luminous designs, and a performance of delicious sensuality from Alessandra Ferri and Bruce Sansom in the first duet, the ballet remains a very insubstantial piece.

The programme opened with a dismal rendering of *Ballet Imperial*. The company seem no closer to catching the style of this ballet – a celebration of classical dancing in the grand manner – nor do they seem any more at home with the demands of the choreography. Howard Williams's tempi were not particularly helpful I suspect, and Anthony Twiner's playing could have been crisper and less florid.

Things changed for the better with *The Firebird*. Elgar Howarth drew some really magical sounds from the orchestra and Leslie Collier, standing in for the injured Bryony Brind, gave an outstanding performance in the title role.

She is perhaps not ideally suited to the role, lacking a certain length of limb, but her dancing is so clean and honest, her interpretation so intelligent and clearly presented, that she more than compensates.

Judith Cruickshank

● Noël Coward's *Cavalcade*, which opens this year's Chichester Festival, runs from May 1 to June 29. The festival's second production is *Antony and Cleopatra* (May 15 to July 20), starring Denis Quilley and Diana Rigg and directed by Robin Phillips. Next comes Christopher Hampton's *The Philanthropist* (July 10 to September 20), with Edward Fox in the lead and Patrick Garland directing. The final production is Beverley Cross's adaptation of Baroness Orczy's *The Scarlet Pimpernel* (July 31 to September 21), starring Donald Sinden and directed by Nicholas Hytner.



Maxine Audley (above) is celebrating 45 years in the theatre with a new play opening tonight: Lynne Truss reports

Bridging the gaps

"Luckily I was never the *ingénue* type. Even at the age of 19 I was playing Mrs Danvers rather than Rebecca. It's meant that bridging age gaps has been easier: from glamorous wicked queens, seductresses and vamps I could go on to play domineering mums like Mrs Alving in *Ghosts*, Volumnia in *Coriolanus* and Amanda Wingfield in *The Glass Menagerie*. I've always thought women with character were more attractive than goody-goodies."

Maxine Audley, this year celebrating 45 years in the theatre, opens tonight at the Old Vic in a new comedy by William Douglas Home. Directed for Anthony Quayle's touring company Compass by Maria Aitken, *After the Ball is Over* sees Miss Audley bridging yet another gap, as it centres on "four elderly people who have been married to the wrong partners for forty years" and requires Miss Audley, who will be 62 next month, to play a much older woman. "Do you know I'm supposed to be about 75 in this one? Fortunately I've got a wonderful wig that will do half the work for me."

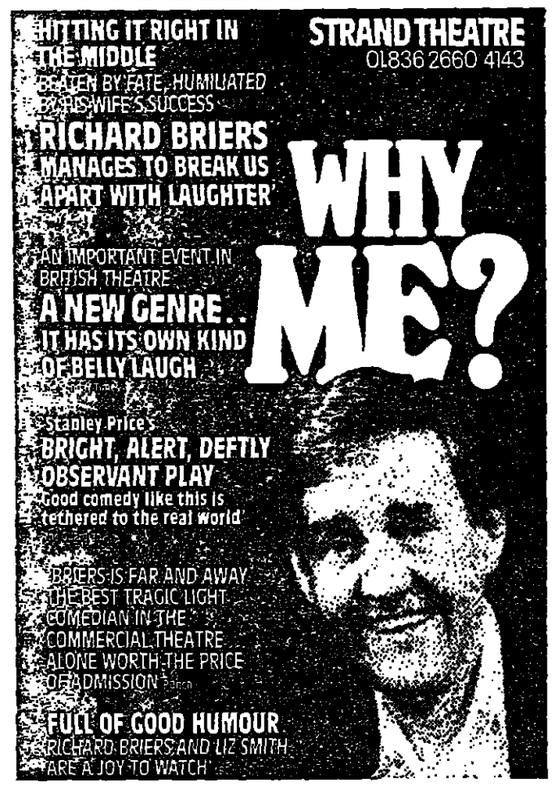
After the Ball is Over is set in the ancestral home of the Duke of Drayton (Anthony Quayle) and shows the reaction of this one household to the decision of "some future government" to abolish fox-hunting. "It's a very light-hearted look at the kind of people who hunt and how silly a lot of them are. I suppose people will think that because it's about hunting it will be controversial, but it *is* a comedy, not a serious play about the rights and wrongs of the matter. There's nothing for the anti-hunting league to get excited about. In fact it's very much William Douglas Home country. The last play of his I did was about ten years ago, *The Grouse Moor Image*, which was about whether a family should hold on to its grouse moor or turn the estate into a safari park. He's always got a basic subject like that, and here it's hunting, but all sort of daft things go on around it."

Miss Audley is one of those professionals who pride themselves on being able to play practically anything, so putting on another fifteen years or so for this part does not worry her at all. Ten years in weekly rep in the 1940s, with its hugely demanding schedules ("staying up after the show wrapped in blankets learning next week's part") gave her a confidence in her range which no amount of typecasting can quell. Of course she acknowledges that her elegant poise and thrilling deep voice give her a commanding stage presence well suited to grand classical roles, but she has nevertheless persistently widened her repertoire, and, since her success as Joanna in the 1965 revival of Coward's *Present Laughter*, she has often pressed for parts in comedies.

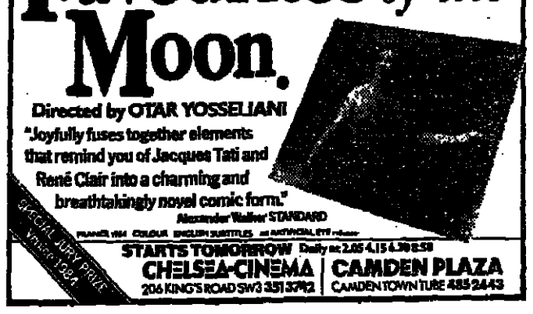
"In 1978 I was engaged by the RSC to do Volumnia in the Alan Howard *Coriolanus*, which was wonderful. But after a year at Stratford, when it was coming to London, I told them I was really fed up with playing only that, and that I wanted to be in some new plays they were doing, in particular Mary O'Malley's *Look Out . . . Here Comes Trouble*, her comedy about people in a mental hospital. I had to belabour them; they were so convinced that I could only play *grandes dames*. I even had to read for the part. But in the end I got to play Olive, the failed cockney fortune-teller who eats marmalade sandwiches all the time. And I got the Clarence Derwent award for the best supporting performance."

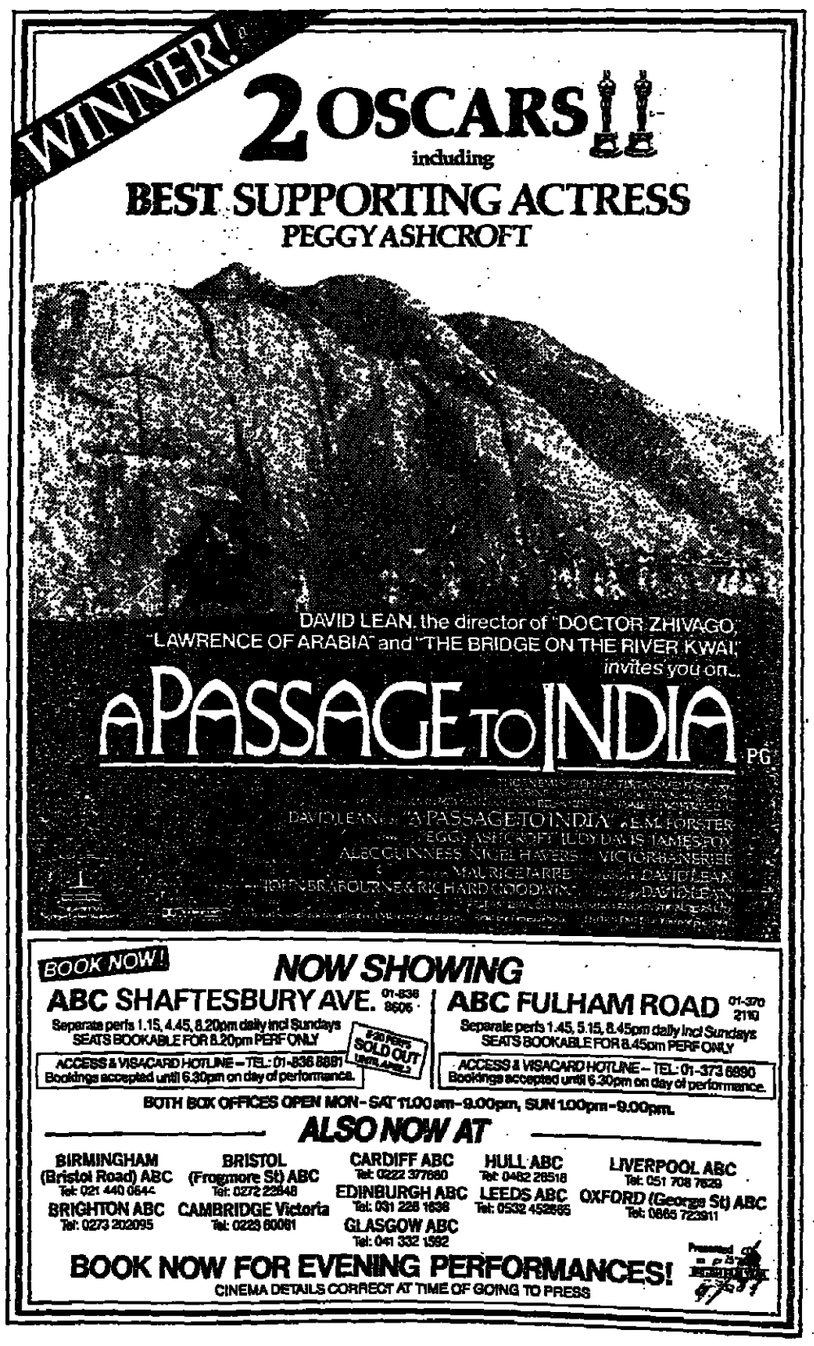
In a way the RSC's hesitation is understandable. Olive was a million miles removed from the roles Miss Audley had made her name with. Indeed, at the RSC she would have been best known for her performance as Tamora in *Titus Andronicus*, the archetypal "wicked queen" whom she played in Peter Brook's celebrated 1955 production at Stratford. "That was a huge, spectacular production and a landmark for the play. *Titus* is the bloodiest play in Shakespeare, and yet Brook didn't use a drop of Kensington gore: he did it all brilliantly with suggestion." Laurence Olivier was Titus and Vivien Leigh played Lavinia. Miss Audley remembers her as a hard-working actress who did not deserve the scorn poured on her by Kenneth Tynan and other critics. "They thought she couldn't act just because she was so beautiful."

Theatre is Miss Audley's great love, and, if over her rich and varied career she has seen thousands of actors at work, she has also seen changes in the way they are directed. "*After the Ball is Over* is directed by a fellow-actress, Maria Aitken, and I'm amazed at her cleverness and understanding. She has a very tough job because there are large numbers of us on stage at any one time. All directors are different of course. Jonathan Lynn is a great favourite of mine: he has a knack of saying just one thing that can give you a whole line on a character, but personally I don't think an actor should rely totally on the director. After all, there was a time – in the actor-manager's day – when there was no such thing, just the star saying 'Keep six feet away from me and do your damnedest'. In weekly rep there was no time for directing. A lot of actors now, particularly the ones who've been to drama school, are not taught to think for themselves enough; they accept that it's a director's medium, and I'm not sure they should. Because, unlike the conductor of an orchestra, the director of a play isn't on the stage on the night. Then it's up to the actors."









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487	390	Krupps Jones	487	+4	6.75	–	4.1	1.6
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304	188	Roebottom	304	+2	1.1	1.0	1.2	3.9
19	11	Rye Grp	19	+1	1.1	1.1	3.1	–
104	55	Skudder	104	....	7.65	1.0	5.6	1.7
427	322	Spurling 10p	427	+8	9.0	1.0	2.7	2.7
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SPECTRUM

BANKRUPTCY PART 2

As companies collapse and creditors bray, the one person never out of pocket is the specialist receiver. Stephen Aris, in the second part of our series, reports on the super-rich aristocrats of the insolvency business

The corporate undertakers

When John DeLorean's Belfast sports car company finally ran out of cash in January, 1982, the man the British Government brought in to sort out the mess was Sir Kenneth Cork, of W. H. Cork Gully, the City accountants. It was a logical choice. Sir Kenneth, then 68, was far and away Britain's best-known corporate undertaker. In more than 35 years in the trade he has presided over the last rites of many famous corporate funerals – John Bloom's Rolls Razor dishwasher company, Emil Savundra's Fire, Auto and Marine, Vehicle and General, the insurance company, and the property empires of Willie Stern and Ronnie Lyon. As it turned out, Sir Kenneth failed to save DeLorean, but that was not his fault.

Sir Kenneth has an awesome reputation. Once, when he was spotted during the great banking crisis of 1973 emerging from the Bank of England at the dead of night, reportedly with a coat pulled over his head, it led to a story in *Accountancy Age*, the accountants' trade paper, that the Old Lady herself was in trouble.

Insolvency is a highly emotional subject. Months, even years after the event many of those who have passsed through the hands of the receiver still bear the scars.

David Morrell, former chief executive of Mitchell Construction, which went into receivership in 1973, is still bitter. He says: "I found the experience one which I wouldn't wish on anybody. It displays a ruthlessness and an insensitivity that most of us would have thought had died out in the nineteenth century."

Receivership is of its nature a very sudden and brutal business. Overnight people who have spent their lives building or working for a company are stripped of all title and power.

"The general opinion of insolvency receivers and liquidators", Sir Kenneth told a *Financial Times* conference in 1982, "is that they are an unnecessary evil put in for the sole purpose of earning a decent living for themselves and all they do is to shut up the business and that is the end of that." In fact receivership, unlike liquidation, does not necessarily mean that the company's life is at an end. There are dozens of firms which are still trading today though often in a very different form.

It is this aspect of the work that most receivers, who are very sensitive about their poor image, prefer to stress. They like to see themselves not as undertakers, but as company surgeons.

"It is the business that must be saved", Sir Kenneth says. "Not necessarily the company – the company is something quite different; that has failed and need not be rescued. The business is the asset, and the business is the management, the workforce who put their skills into it and the property of the people who supply it. If it gets shut – and there is nothing easier than to shut a business – it is lost and gone forever."

Fine words; but it must always be remembered that whatever his long-term objectives, legally the receiver's prime duty is to the bank. It is invariably the bank that appoints him under the terms of the debenture, and it is the bank's money that he is obliged to recover. Whether he does it by closing the business or by selling it off in whole or part is up to him. Once installed, the receiver is virtually impregnable. He is the boss and his decisions are almost always final.

Theoretically the receiver can be sued by the company for maladministration or malpractice; but as the directors or the liquidator acting on their behalf have to find the money to mount such an action, in practice this rarely happens.

Also, astonishingly, the receiver is not obliged to account for his actions in any detail. There is no independent audit and receivers' reports to the Department of Trade and Industry are sketchy, to say the least. Furthermore, as the law stands there is no need to prove that assets have been sold off at a fair market price, nor does the receiver have to justify, except to the bank, a decision to sell the company back to its previous owners.

The receiver's job is to satisfy the bank. Everything else is, strictly speaking, incidental. It is not an easy job and it is not without risk: technically the receiver is personally liable for all debts he incurs. But he will always be insured and the bank will be looking over his shoulder.

Professional receivers plan takeovers with military precision. On the day a big company goes into receivership there are suddenly accountants everywhere. The receiver usually moves into the managing director's office; the finance director is given a thorough grilling; teams burrow through the company's books, and men are posted at all entrances to make sure nobody makes off with anything of any value.

"It is essential", says Bill Mackey, of Ernst and Whinney, in his guide to receivership, "to man all points of entry to the factory or works. Wherever possible the receiver must use his own staff."

Like many top-flight receivers Mackey does not fit the traditional image of the accountant. A hard-bitten, no-nonsense Geordie he joined the Royal Navy aged 17 and had an adventurous war as a commando with a mini-submarine unit, raiding the ports of Nazi-occupied France. After the war he worked for a time for the Inland Revenue, chasing debtors – work which he found surprisingly congenial. "What I liked about it was the element of personal confrontation", he says.

Mackey himself is a workaholic. "There is nothing clever about receivership work but you do have to be totally committed to it". His only relaxation is the opera and his cottage in the Dordogne; though even there, there is a private airstrip so he can return to London at a moment's notice. As the recently promoted head of the firm's UK operation, Mackey probably earns more than £100,000 a year.

There is a lot of money to be made out of receivership and liquidation. Insolvency, for so long the Cinderella of the accountancy world, is these days a multi-million pound business with an annual turnover, I would estimate, of more than £50 million.

The specialist receivers are the aristocrats of the business. Few earn less than £50,000 a year. And some are paid a good deal more than that. Sir Kenneth Cork is not only the most eminent practitioner in the field, but he is also the richest. His firm, which merged with Coopers and Lybrand in 1983, does not, like most accountants, publish a breakdown of its profits. But it is safe to say that Sir Kenneth is a millionaire several times over. He drives a Rolls Royce, lives in Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire; and when he became Lord Mayor of London (never a post for a poor man) he spent £50,000 of his own money during his term of office.

In the early 1980s it was not uncommon for single firms to be handling several hundred liquidations at any one time. When questioned about their profits most firms tend to be rather coy, and as most are partnerships details are sparse. "Let's say that we would be all right even if we didn't do another pennyworth of business for the next three years", says Keith Goodman, of Leonard Curtis.

The pace is set by the Department of Trade and Industry, which lays down a scale of fees for compulsory liquidations which is used by the profession as a guide: on monies recovered it is 20 per cent for the first £5,000, 12 per cent for the next £7,500, 10 per cent for sums up to £100,000 and 5 per cent for £300,000 and above. The receiver or liquidator also collects on monies paid out though the rewards here are less generous: roughly half. Most of the big firms, however, prefer to charge on a time basis with a set fee for each member of the firm.

In fact receivers charge what they think the market will bear. "It's obviously stupid to overcharge the bank because you depend on them for repeat business", says the partner of a well known Manchester firm. "But once the bank has been assured that it will get its money back they are generally not too fussy about the fees."

It is a very grey area. And even the most respectable companies cannot sometimes resist the temptation to pad out their income. One of the lesser known perks of the business is the commission, normally 1 per cent, paid out by building societies to large investors. The rate of return may not be as high as could be obtained elsewhere. But for a receiver or liquidator with a £100,000 in the kitty, the extra £1,000 in the firm's account can come in very handy.

Insolvency is a specialized business requiring very different skills and personalities from regular accountancy. None of the top receivers or liquidators I met struck me, except in matters of dress where they were uniformly neat and tidy, to fit the book-keeping image of the traditional accountant. They seemed to enjoy the uncertainty, the freedom and the power and were not men who were easily crossed or would enjoy losing an argument.

It is a small, tight-knit world where everybody knows what everybody else is up to. Many of those in the insolvency business are, like Sir Kenneth Cork himself, Freemasons.

The undertakers have their own closed shop, the Insolvency Practitioners Association, which was founded around 20 years ago to bring some respectability to a business whose image was rather tarnished.

The IPA, which now has some 90 members, including all the big firms, has all the apparatus of a fully-fledged professional body. It sets examinations, vets potential members, and, very discreetly, disciplines the black sheep.

For years the established firms like Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Cooper Brothers, who had grown fat on auditing over the previous half century, looked down their elegant noses on insolvency work. They thought it was rather grubby.

Gradually the big battalions began to realize that they were missing out on an extraordinarily profitable line of business. It was also good for contacts and kept them in the public eye – an important point for a profession which was then forbidden, at least in theory, to advertise. And so from about the mid-Sixties onwards the big firms began to set up their own "coffin and shroud" departments, as they are known in the trade.

The breakthrough came in 1971 when Rupert Nicholson, of Peat, Marwick and Mitchell, was appointed joint-receiver of Rolls Royce – the first time the Corks had lost out for as long as anybody could remember. But since then the big firms, thanks to the close links with the banks, have strengthened their hold on the receivership end of the market. The league table of receivers' appointments (see table) shows that some nine firms dominate the business.

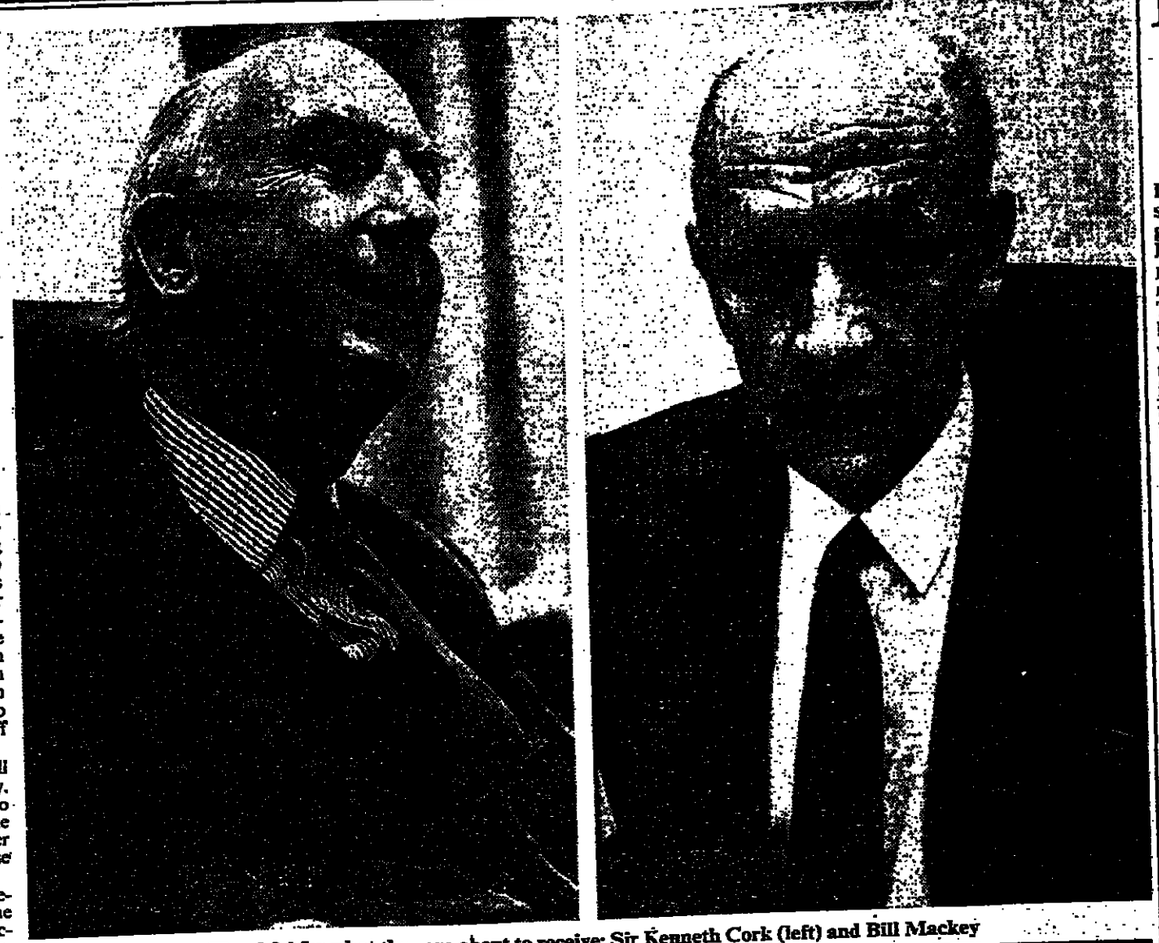
What the figures also reveal is the pattern of bank patronage. Some banks, like Barclays, dispensed their favours fairly evenly between five or six firms while the Midland gave nearly a third of its entire business for 1982 to one firm: Ernst and Whinney, who are also the bank's auditors.

Adapted from Going Bust, *by Stephen Aris, to be published on April 25 by Andre Deutsch Ltd., price £8.95.*

Receivers' appointments in 1982

Ernst and Whinney	469
Peat, Marwick, Mitchell	387
Thornton Baker	354
Price Waterhouse	214
Cork Gully	197
Touche Ross	171
Spicer Pegler	169
Deloittes	104
Arthur Anderson	102
Stoy Hayward	87
Arthur Young	87
Total	2341
Others	1097
Total	3438

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Thankful for what they are about to receive: Sir Kenneth Cork (left) and Bill Mackey

HOW THE LAW MAY CHANGE

The Government's Insolvency Bill, now ploughing its way through the House of Lords, is 155 pages long (ignoring schedules). Even so, it eschews the thoroughgoing reform of company insolvency and personal bankruptcy law and procedures advocated in the report of a committee chaired by Sir Kenneth Cork.

Instead, the Bill concentrated on action against a number of specific abuses. It tried:

- **To outlaw cowboy liquidators, who helped directors to buy back their businesses cheaply at the expense of creditors, by requiring liquidators to be licensed.**
- **To punish irresponsible directors, found guilty of a new civil offence of "wrongful trading", by withdrawing the right of limited liability.**
- **To save public spending by the automatic disqualification of directors of companies forced into compulsory liquidation, encouraging them to act earlier through voluntary procedures.**
- **To save more companies by introducing a new figure called an administrator, who could be brought in at an earlier stage than a receiver or liquidator.**
- **To simplify personal bankruptcy by raising the minimum debt to £750, allowing automatic discharges from bankruptcy for first offenders and encouraging more agreed arrangements with creditors.**

But the Bill has run into heavy criticism and has been savaged in the House of Lords.

Bodies, such as the Institute of Chartered Accountants, have complained that reforms do not go far enough, have been badly worked out and will not work. There is, they say, little protection for small creditors.

The business lobby has successfully fought against automatic disqualification of directors, defeating the Government and forcing it to water the Bill down further. The Bill seems certain to have a rough passage in the Commons too.

TOMORROW

Cowboy liquidators and the dubious art of creative accounting

Desmond picks up the reins

Desmond Lynam received a sharp rebuke from a major-general recently. "Will you kindly *not* put your hand in your pocket when you're talking to me", wrote the enraged officer. The reprimand is a measure of how closely viewers identify with the familiar face on their television screens, as well as illustrating the supremely relaxed approach that has become Lynam's trademark.

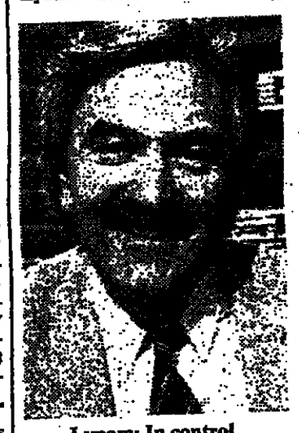
After years of co-presenting *Grandstand* with David Coleman, Lynam has finally been handed sole control of the Saturday afternoon flagship of BBC TV's sporting coverage, and this Saturday he will move into 58-year-old Coleman's traditional seat at the Grand National, bringing the world's most famous steeple chase into the homes of some 15 million viewers.

Lynam, a 42-year-old divorcee with a teenage son, is unperturbed about taking over from the BBC's best-known sports commentator. "We're totally different", he says. "There's no way I could copy David's style any more than he could copy mine."

While Coleman is to concentrate in the future on athletics and hosting *A Question Of Sport*, Lynam will steer his own weekly five-hour sporting compendium through the numerous potential hazards of live television. "The knack is to keep your sense of humour when things go wrong", he explains. "The moment you look embarrassed or feel embarrassed when a disaster occurs, then everybody's going to be embarrassed."

He is as blandly self-composed off-screen as he is on, the grey hair and military moustache giving him the appearance of the something-in-the-city he once was. In fact, he was "in insurance" before Brighton Radio offered him a job in 1967 after seeing his regular freelance pieces on sport in the local newspaper.

"I dropped my career and took up my hobby", says Lynam. "It meant throwing away a regular income, a potentially sound career and severe boredom for the rest of my existence."



Lynam: In control

In at the birth of Radio Brighton, he did everything from sports reports to disc jockeying. "I took to it totally naturally", he says. "I never found it very difficult. In fact, I find it more difficult now. It gets harder because it becomes more important. It's tougher when you're at the top."

After two years with Radio Brighton, he was offered a job doing networked sport for BBC Radio in London. He stayed with them for about nine years "with the occasional departures off to current affairs and various other things", including a period on the *Today* programme with John Timpson, Robert Robinson and Barry Norman.

He admits he was never much good at current affairs: "I don't know enough about it. I couldn't name all the cabinet or shadow cabinet ministers off the top of my head."

His easy style of presentation is no act. He never suffers from nerves before a programme: "Certainly not: if I did I wouldn't do it."

He is one of only three long-standing presenters of *Grandstand* since its inception 26 years ago. The others are Coleman and Frank Bough. "It's considered to be quite difficult", he says. "It's a programme that requires a broad knowledge of sport and also a kind of mental dexterity that not everyone enjoys."

Already, with its new presenter, *Grandstand* is changing: "A slightly softer approach, although we like to be hard-hitting journalistically."

He is always being asked what he does for the rest of the week. In fact, each *Grandstand* takes up three days of his time and then there are his other journalistic commitments, plus business interests that he refuses to discuss. He plays a little tennis, has a golf handicap of 16 and cycles alongside the Thames for exercise.

His main involvement in sport, however, is as a commentator. "There's a very simple recipe for doing what you do in this business", he says. "If you're a sporting star, you're a sporting star. If you don't quite make it, then you become a coach. If you can't coach, you become a journalist. If you can't spell, you become a broadcaster."

Sally Brompton

Transplants: why some doctors are losing heart

It was, in the words of a perplexed United States government health official, "a unique emergency." Car mechanic Tom Creighton, 33, dying of heart disease, was given a transplant in Tuscon Arizona, by surgeon Jack Copeland. Within 24 hours, the new heart began to fail.

Next day Copeland implanted an untried, untested artificial heart, designed not for a human, but for a calf. It beat inside Creighton's chest for some hours and then was replaced by another human heart. Soon after this, his third operation in three days, Tom Creighton died.

The use of the artificial heart without the permission of the United States Food and Drug Administration three weeks ago was a breach of regulations, excusable only perhaps by the "unique emergency."

Nature, the leading British science journal, was more blunt in an editorial last week. "It may be a cruel thing to say, but what happened in Arizona is that a human being was used as a guinea pig", it said.

The surgery on Mr Creighton has re-opened the international controversy on the ethics of experimental medicine. Last August, Hollie Roffey, a 13 day-old baby, was given a tiny new heart by surgeons in London. She died after 28 days. In November, a baboon's heart was implanted in five-week-old Baby Fae in Loma Linda, California. The infant died 21 days later.

William Schroeder is still alive. The United States' second artificial heart transplant patient – Creighton was the fourth – has been kept alive for 17 weeks by the Jarvik-7, a mechanical device attached to an air compressor outside his body. But the price Mr Schroeder has paid for his life's extension was a stroke, caused by post-operative complications, which has badly damaged his memory.

Artificial heart surgery, and operations to transplant hearts into infants, are the subjects of strong criticism by many eminent surgeons and physicians. Such operations cannot be justified, they say.

The surgeons who perform the operations defend themselves just as firmly. Mr Magdi Yacoub is regarded as one of the world's most skilled heart surgeons. With colleagues at Harefield Hospital in west London, he has performed more than 130 heart transplants since 1980, including that of Hollie Roffey. He is devoted to lowering the age of transplant recipients, so that more children can benefit from the techniques he has virtually perfected on adults.

But not all of Mr Yacoub's British colleagues agree with him. Professor Michael Oliver, president of the British Cardiac Society and professor of cardiology at Edinburgh University, had voiced strong disapproval of transplants for infants in a letter to *The Lancet*.

The problem of whether further transplants might be needed as the child grows, the quality of life with a permanent dependency on immuno-suppressive drugs, the psychological burdens on parents and the "formidable calls on resources" meant that such operations must be seriously questioned, he said.

But often the surgeons are eager to try again. Dr Leonard Bailey, who implanted the baboon heart in Baby Fae, plans to perform five more transplants with baboon hearts in babies suffering from terminal ailments.

He dismissed allegations that the baby's mother was pressured into agreeing to the baboon heart implant, and that two human hearts were available but were not chosen because he and his colleagues wanted to press on with the experiment.

Despite increasing misgivings in the medical profession about the use of artificial hearts, surgeons in Louisville, Kentucky, are determined to perform at least four more such operations. The United States government, through the FDA, has given the team, lead by Dr. William C. Devries, permission to carry out a total of seven.

The first recipient, Dr Barney Clark, died 112 days after the operation in 1982, having suffered inexplicable seizures as his condition deteriorated.

Next Mr Schroeder, 52, was given the ten ounce metal and plastic pump, with its external connections, in November. He suffered a series of strokes after 18 days and is unlikely ever to leave hospital.

Last month Dr Devries went on to put an artificial heart into 58 year-old Murray Haydon. He is recovering, and two weeks ago Hayden and Schroeder were wheeled along hospital floors to shake hands in front of newspaper and TV cameras.

In what is sometimes called "grandstand medicine", such stunts are apparently encouraged by Humana, Inc, the huge international health care corporation which has promised to finance 100 artificial heart operations at a cost of 25 million dollars.

Conservative judgement, as expressed in the *Nature* editorial, believes that Humana's programme of implants are "medical spectaculars" which "are turning out to be gruesome endurance tests."

"No matter how much is learned about surgical technique, proper medication and the like from these operations, the technology of the heart itself is simply too primitive to justify the goal of permanent implantation. They are attempting to fine tune a procedure that is questionable even if it worked perfectly."

Men like Devries in the United States and Magdi Yacoub in Britain persuasively argue that unless new and controversial operations are attempted, medicine's frontiers will remain unstretched. Every major act of surgery that is commonplace today was experimental once, they say.

Arguably, artificial hearts can serve a useful role as temporary life preservers pending the arrival of a suitable human donor organ. Even so implants of this kind are currently unforeseeable in Britain.

Mr Yacoub is known not to favour them. The only other heart transplant team, at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire, is even more conservative.

But if another baby with only days to live presented itself, and a donor heart was available, what surgeon with the skill would not be tempted?

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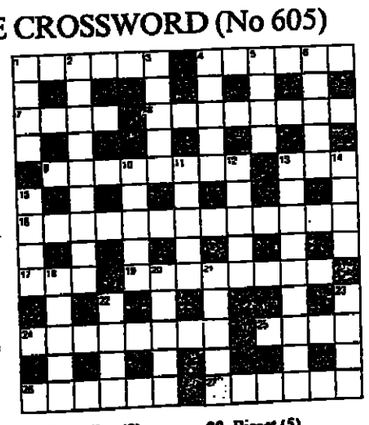
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Invisible wives behind the Kremlin's walls

Raisa Gorbachov, wife of the Soviet leader, has surprised Western observers by her elegance and poise. For, as Julia Owen reports, the wives of Soviet leaders are seldom seen in public



Soviet leaders and their wives. Top left: Stalin and the wife he kept in the background. Top right: Khrushchev and Nina Petrovna. Bottom left: Brezhnev and Viktoria Petrovna. Bottom right: Chernenko, Anna Dmitrievna and their grandson. Right: Raisa Gorbachov daring her British visit.

The old adage that behind every great man there stands a good woman clearly holds as true in the Soviet Union as anywhere else. Raisa Maksimovna Gorbachov is a sophisticated, auburn-haired woman in her mid-fifties, and her charm and elegance symbolize the image of Russia her husband is hoping to create. Out go the female navvies in headscarves and boots and muscular girl tractor drivers down on the collective farm. In come haute couture, a smattering of foreign languages and cocktail party poise.

Russia is still a country in which women do much of the manual work, bringing up families in difficult conditions at the same time. Basic goods are in short supply or unknown, there are few labour saving devices even today, and only a few miles out of Moscow you can see women drawing their water from communal roadside wells. The Soviet media stress the role of women in top management, but the fact remains that, in the country which above all vaunts equal opportunities and responsibilities, it is not a woman's world.

"No one was sure Andropov had a wife until his funeral"

Take the week which started with International Women's Day and ended with the Red Square funeral of Konstantin Chernenko. It produced only one token woman to symbolize the female half of Russia's 270 million population: Valentina Tereshkova, first female cosmonaut and now a Central Committee member.

On March 8 we watched the Politburo (minus Mr Chernenko) on the platform of the glittering Bolshoi Theatre. They looked down on an audience composed almost entirely of women, yet none of the Politburo wives was there. Not a single member of the Politburo is a woman. It fell to Valentina Tereshkova – tall, slim and elegant, with a beautiful speaking voice – to make the speech thanking Soviet women for their role in building Communism, and later to represent Soviet women on the Chernenko funeral committee.

No one was sure if President Andropov even had a wife until she appeared at his funeral. Mrs Chernenko was shown in a family photograph released after her husband's election last year, but remained a vague, grandmotherly figure. Stalin kept his wife well out of public view. You have to go as far back as Lenin to find a first lady to reckon with.

Will the fact that 54-year-old Mikhail Gorbachov has a glamorous young wife change all this? (Fifty, by the way, is young in Russia.) Western newspapers rushed to print pictures of the Gorbachovs in London as soon as his election was announced and Raisa was immediately hailed as Russia's First Lady. Few Russians, however, were even aware that she had accompanied Mr Gorbachov on his London trip last December. When the Politburo went to the airport to see off the Kremlin number two (as he then was), Mrs Gorbachov meekly entered the Aeroflot plane by the rear steps while her husband made his customary wave to the cameras at the front. Only in London did they emerge together, with Raisa accompanying her powerful and astute husband everywhere, charming British opinion with her elegance, culture and modern Western clothes.

There is only one day in the Soviet calendar when Politburo wives make a grand entrance, and it is not publicized or reported. The Women's Day Ball on March 8, astonishingly enough for ladies only, is a chance for the leading wives of Moscow's foreign diplomatic community to get to know the top wives of the Kremlin – by dancing together. After a lavish supper of lobster and caviare comes the serious business of working out who is whose wife. This year Raisa Gorbachov tried hard not to steal the limelight from older wives, but still shone. Anna Chernenko appeared distracted, for obvious reasons.

This glimpse only tells you so much about the private lives of the Kremlin leaders, which is not considered a proper subject for discussion. The political family or dynasty is much in evidence in Russia. Yuri Brezhnev, son of the late president, is a deputy minister; Igor Andropov is ambassador to Greece; Yelena Chernenko works at the Institute of Marxism-Leninism; Anatoly Gromyko is head of the Africa Institute. All are offspring of the famous. But what do the wives do?

"Political dynasties are much in evidence in Russia"

Mrs Gromyko revelled in shopping sprees in New York (on a tight financial rein). Raisa Gorbachov is a graduate of Moscow University – in philosophy – and is said to teach there. In an earlier era, Molotov's wife Polina Zhemchuzhina, who was Jewish, became Deputy Commissar for Fish and later (for understandable reasons) head of the cosmetics industry, before falling foul of Stalin's anti-semitic mania and ending up in a labour camp.

But these are exceptions, and by and large, Russian political wives play no public role at all. Yet there are signs that Raisa Maksimovna could change this, becoming Russia's first real First Lady.

There are precedents for Raisa to build on. Khrushchev's wife, the much-loved Nina Petrovna, occasionally even upstaged her unpredictable husband, and received as much attention as he did when they went to America.

Viktoria Brezhnev was often seen alongside her husband, and is still a figure of consequence behind the scenes. Mr Chernenko's wife, Anna Dmitrievna, appeared with her husband at election time and helped him to receive the King and Queen of Spain last year in Moscow.

The main difference is that Raisa is young, healthy, ambitious – and a formidable personality in her own right. Soviet politics is a conservative and male-dominated world with scarcely any room for spontaneity or sparkle, but a great deal of hidden politicking goes on behind the Kremlin wall, and wives are heavily involved in the intrigue.

Raisa is a glamorous grandmother (like Nancy Reagan) and brought her small grand-daughter with her to the polling station last month when correspondents were invited to watch Mr Gorbachov at the local elections in the role of acting leader. As it turned out, he also appeared in the role of family man. Raisa Maksimovna posed with great poise as the flashbulbs popped, a picture of elegance in black furs and suede boots, a striking contrast with the poorly dressed ordinary women workers who followed in her wake to vote.

CHRISTINE PAINELL writes: Mrs Gorbachov surprised the West by launching Operation Chic on her visit to Britain. Her modern Western clothes and high fashion accessories upset expectations of the usual stolid and dated image of Russian women. With a Gucci handbag and £1,500 Cartier earrings, her slim figure in glamorous Russian furs, well cut suits and stylish high heel shoes, she proved a worthy Iron Curtain counterpart to the always elegant Iron Lady.

There are rumours in Moscow that some of the Gorbachovs' chumminess in public is a front, and that the two no longer get on – but in Moscow, as in London, they made an ideal modern Russian couple.

However, Raisa Gorbachov's public role is unlikely to be institutionalized. It is rare for Soviet leaders' wives to hold public office themselves. But next month Mr Gorbachov will set about naming members of his new, high powered team at the Central Committee plenum. Could he pull off a masterstroke by installing a woman in the Politburo? If not Raisa, why not the trim and authoritative Valentina Tereshkova, who literally rocketed to fame in the 1960s and is a household name in Russia.

After years of dreary neo-Stalinism, perhaps Raisa will use her considerable influence and power of argument to put the case for giving Russian women a voice at the top for the first time since Khruschev put Ekaterina Furtseva into the leadership as minister of culture a quarter of a century ago.

Confessions of a man-watcher

Yvonne Roberts explains why women are writing so many books on men



Yvonne Roberts: women on men

If the proverbial road to Damascus has a Women Only flyover, then a few years ago it should have been the scene of an almighty pile-up as at least half a dozen women were blinded by the same inspiration: men. Or rather, writing a book about men.

The inspiration has now become a cottage industry, under franchise from the feminist movement. The latest and most lavish *Men* by Anna Ford (published March 28) only adds to the belief that, for a time, women who were not agonizing over the biological time clock ("I mean 42 isn't really too old for a baby . . . is it?") were engaged in writing a tome about men, myself included.

I am now convinced that there exists in this country a repertory company of 130 or so males who specialize in the "candid" book interview. The technique is a difficult one to acquire. The interviewee must be forthcoming, but not so forthcoming that the would-be author has to abandon her belief that men have difficulty in discussing feelings. At the same time, he has to convey a hint of hostility to the matriarch in his past, throw in a passing reference to masturbation and, if he is feeling particularly generous, confide that maybe he isn't quite the stud the rugby team/darts club/friends (sorry, no *real* friends allowed: that should read "acquaintances") believe him to be – with details supplied on a piece-rate basis.

What the group of women writers on men have become, of course, is a kind of religious band equipped not with a Bible but with a pocket tape recorder. We knock on strangers' doors and announce cheerfully: "Hello, I'm a chauvinists' witness – do you have a man in the house who wants to confess?"

Inevitably this tone creates the impression for a few that we, Ms Moses all, have somehow brought the tablets of truth down from the macho mountainside. I am not the only writer who, at the crack of the dawn in the bowels of the BBC, has heard a distant male voice come down the line from Ventnor or wherever and say: "Well, now, you *know* about men – what kind of a future do they have?" "Ah, well that will take a couple of minutes . . ."

In the end, probably a hundred and one reasons prompted the rash of "Menthology" including the feeling that it was the right time and that such books might make money (both publishers' motivations rather than writers'). Another factor was born of the time the feminist movement is living in – a time of frustration and a period of reflection, a result of growing older.

Fifteen years of the women's movement has produced a slight change in attitudes, poor legislation, an abundance of theory and a necessary fairground of women's committees, books, films, studies, history and so on. However, the ground on which the fairground is permitted to reside remains solidly in the hands of men. Almost no advance has been made on the major issues, such as equal pay, education, nursery school provision, discrimination.

If you feel progress is blocked, then it makes it an opportune moment to look at the opposition.

The majority of women live in heterosexual relationships. In the early years, feminism encouraged them to tackle the general question – how as a woman do you live in a male world? That question remains, but alongside it now is a much more specific concern – how do I as a woman live with a man on an equal basis?

The function of the "men" books, in my opinion, has not been to reveal the unknown (in spite of publishers' blurbs promising revelation, shock and surprise), but simply to persuade men to find their own voice, albeit with female compères directing the show.

Critics, to a man, have therefore placed us all in the "up-and-at-em" school of literature. We have set men up in order that they can condemn themselves out of their own mouths. That makes us female writers a kind of assassination squad of the women's movement, destroying tender egos and recommending euthanasia to those who prove a shade tougher.

Of course, the charge is untrue, otherwise, somewhere out there in the EEC, would be a man-made mountain of deeply sensitive feminist males, rejected interviewees all. No matter, with the arrival of Anna Ford's book, the critics will move back on to familiar ground.

If men hitherto have been considered subject to flagellation, now it is back to titillation. Anna Ford's book will create a frisson, through no fault of her own, not because of what the men on her pages *say* but because they say it, using *rude words*, to her; the Madonna in many men's minds, who materializes only at special events (film premières and the like).

It is a reaction which may tell us as much about some men as all the books put together. But what next? Given that men are competitive, or so we are told, they are bound to enter the genre themselves. Inevitably, therefore, prepare for *Son of Men; Men One, Two and Three* and *The Return of Men*.

What I suspect no man *will* tackle is a book on women. That is a shame. Perhaps it's only when that book is written that we will really know something about what it's like to be a man. If only because mothers, sisters, lovers and friends seem able to reach those parts of the masculine psyche that no band of chauvinists' witnesses have yet been able to touch.

Men – A Documentary by Anna Ford: George Weidenfeld, £10.95.
Man Enough by Yvonne Roberts: Chatto & Windus, the Hogarth Press, £4.95.
Goodbye Tarzan by Helen Franks: Allen & Unwin, £8.95.
Men, The Male Myth Exposed by Mary Ingham: Century, £8.95.

Translations from plate to palate

The Times Cook

Shona Crawford Poole

The more inventive or adventurous the chef, the more difficulty he is going to have nowadays in describing his dishes for the menu. In the classic French kitchen of Escoffier, terms such as *bordelaise*, *forestière*, and *américaine* told the diner all he needed to know about the style of the steak, venison or lobster he contemplated ordering. And this is still the terminology of what is acknowledged worldwide as international cuisine. Not that the old master would recognize his work in some of the creations offered far from the fair fields of France.

We all extract a moment's mildly malicious merriment from inept translations of the Greek or Chinese, while at the same time relying on those very words for all we are going to know about our next meal before the plate is put in front of us. Thus it was that – armed with very little more German than I have Greek or Chinese – I contemplated the puzzle of *Lasagne 'Cru' vom Loup de mer und Jacobsmuscheln*. Uncooked pasta? Happily not.

The raw lasagne of sea bass and scallops turned out to be a dainty dish of layers, lasagne style, of fish and shellfish interleaved with crisp lettuce. Strictly speaking the fish was neither raw nor cooked, but had been warmed in a deceptively simple and good vinaigrette of balsamic vinegar and olive oil. The fish had the acceptable rawness and succulence of smoked salmon, while the lettuce might have been lightly stir fried. The whole was barely warm, elegant and excellent.

It was the work of Herbert Lackner whose table at the Gasthof Post at Lech in the Arlberg is an embassy for a lighter, modern style of Austrian cooking. Chef Lackner's tastebuds and talents can be relied upon to reward a detour and his modesty, particularly in the matter of originality, is refreshing.

He refines traditional dishes without making them twee: cabbage is flavoured with the smokey, uncooked local ham to accompany saddle of the hotel's own lambs which is offered in appropriate quantities for a meal of several courses. Many old ideas are revamped producing dishes like a herb-scented poussin cooked in a pig's bladder. Then there are the new dishes, like the *lasagne cru* whose name you may have thought me mocking earlier. Finding appealing names for new dishes obviously poses the same difficulties in German as it does in English.

If sea bass or scallops are not available, try salmon or another fish. Balsamic vinegar, a richly flavoured, slightly sweet and aged vinegar from Italy is stocked by specialist Italian grocers like Camisa in Soho's Old Compton Street.

Sea bass and lettuce lasagne
Serves one

- 4 or 5 thin slices of sea bass
- 5 or 6 pieces of iceberg lettuce
- Salt and freshly ground white pepper
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

Heat a dish or plate in an oven, on a hotplate or under the grill. It should be very hot, as for cooking crepes or an omelette.

The fish is sliced in the same manner and thickness as smoked salmon, in other words diagonally across the grain and not too thinly. (If using salmon be careful not to include the grey, fatty layer next to the skin which is very strongly flavoured for this delicate dish.) Trim the pieces to roughly the same size and shape and trim the lettuce to match. Salt and pepper.

Have ready a cold serving plate on which to assemble the dish. Take the heated plate and put the oil and vinegar on it. They should bubble briskly on contact with it. Take a piece of lettuce in both hands as if you were going to hang it on a fairy clothes-line and wipe both sides in the dressing, then put it on the cold plate. Do likewise with a slice of the fish, then a piece of lettuce, and so on, piling them one on top of the other until they are all used up. Serve immediately.

If you are using scallops for this dish, cut the cushions into medallions and slice the coral in two along its length. The coral can be sandwiched in the lettuce or arranged separately on the plate after being dipped in the dressing.

Chef Lackner's chocolate mousse is a recipe he will own to being particularly pleased with. "It is not too sweet. It is very light and you really taste the chocolate."

The chocolate used in professional kitchens, called *couverture*, can be bought by post from Woodnutt's of 97 Church Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 2BA (0273 738840). Alternatively, good quality dark chocolate, whether sold for cooking or eating, is fine.

Chocolate mousse
Serves eight

- 285 g (10 oz) plain or white chocolate (see note above)
- 450 ml (¾ pint) double cream, chilled
- 3 tablespoons iced water
- 2 large eggs plus 2 yolks
- Liqueur to flavour, rum, orange or to taste

Melt the chocolate over a pan of hot, but not boiling, water and stir it smooth.

Combine the chilled cream with the iced water and whip until it holds its shape.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs and yolks to a mousse. By hand this is hard work and an electric whisk really is a help in beating the eggs to a dense foam which drips from the whisk to leave a long-lasting trail.

Now, working lightly with a balloon whisk, mix the chocolate into the egg mousse, followed by half the whipped cream, and when that is well-incorporated, the remainder of the cream and finally, enough liqueur to flavour the mixture adequately when it is chilled. With this mousse the amount can depend on taste because it will not separate if the eggs are beaten thoroughly enough in the first place and it is kept really cold.

Turn the mousse into a dish or dishes and chill it for at least four hours and, ideally, not more than 48.

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Country cousin

The Queen's reclusive relation in the west coast of Scotland – found washing socks on the rocks when she dropped in to see him, as reported here yesterday – is *I am told*, Lord Granville, her first cousin. Known to the Royal Family as "Jamie", Lord Granville left the City as a banker to live in the remote island of North Uist in the Outer Hebrides. He bought it from the Duke of Hamilton in 1960 for £60,000. In 1958 he married Guinness heiress Doon Plunkett at a wedding in St James's Palace – so title-studded the press claimed "even the recent Mountbatten nuptials didn't top it".

Charitable

A copy of the 1984 Police and Criminal Evidence Act, signed by shadow home secretary Gerald Kaufman with a promise to repeal it, fetched £80 at a recent Labour Party charity auction in Battersea. Inspired by its success, Kaufman has just dispatched a similar signed copy to another charity event in Manchester. "It's the first worthwhile use I've come across for an obnoxious piece of legislation" he observes.

Bad Marx

To the astonishment of scholars, the Oxford University Press seems to have sold out to the Russians. *The Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary of Current English* has just been reprinted in Russia; and with the full blessing of the OUP, the Russians have altered ideologically unacceptable definitions, without indicating that they have been changed. The Soviet edition – which bears the Oxford crest – leaves Russian readers with the impression that the Oxford definition of capitalism is "the last antagonistic social and economic system in human history, based on the exploitation of man, replacing feudalism and preceding communism". Socialism, the dictionary says, is the first phase of communism, a social system based on public ownership of the means of production which "is now replacing capitalism".

● **The only British newspaper caught off-guard by Arthur Scargill's arrival in Moscow was the *Morning Star*. Its correspondent – the first in years willing to share the hardships of Soviet life – had to resort to checking with the British bourgeois press if Scargill was really there.**

Help from Harry?

With closure just a month away, a last-ditch attempt to save South Africa's *Rand Daily Mail* is being launched from London. Peter Gallimer, of the International Press Institute, which represents 2,000 newspaper editors worldwide, is planning to set up an English-speaking trust, and has asked the help of Harry Oppenheimer, former chairman of the country's huge Anglo American Corporation and an investor in the anti-apartheid daily, to use his influence to overturn the closure decision. Meanwhile pressure to save it is being stepped up in South Africa by such figures as the Springbok cricket captain, Ali Bacher.

BARRY FANTONI



'Just imagine it – dentists' waiting rooms piled high with newspapers'

Footwork

Channel Four's *Diverse Reports* is determined to earn its nickname "Perverse". Its latest wheeze is a programme next week which contends that Libya's 6,000 expatriate Britons live the life of Riley under Gadaffi and that if anything life has improved since the British Embassy closed. Indeed, Gadaffi is such an accommodating fellow that when producer Tim Hodlin strolled into the colonel's tent without removing his shoes – out of anxiety about his foot odour – not a word was said.

Sultan's sorrows

Only two months after buying the Dorchester for £45m, the Sultan of Brunei has just been hammered by the staff with a 30 per cent pay demand. They are claiming that much not because they think the sultan is a soft touch, but because of plummeting staff morale. Behind the dignified scenes in Park Lane is a desperate struggle for management control. When the sultan took over, Regent International, which had a stake in the Dorchester, had just started a 15-year management contract. However, the sultan's new board wants to kick out Regent, and is currently appealing against a High Court injunction granted to Regent last month which blocked an attempt to oust Regent.

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A marriage in Whitehall?

by Alistair Graham

The way civil service trade unions have gone about opposing the Government's paltry 3.9 per cent pay offer demonstrates the urgent need for reform. Out of eight civil service unions, four have consulted their members about whether they are prepared to take industrial action from April 1. So far, one union has voted for action, and two have voted against.

The Inland Revenue Staff Federation (IRSF), the Civil Service Union (CSU) and the Society of Civil and Public Servants (SCPS), representing a total of 200,000 members, ensured that their ballot procedures comply with the provisions for pre-strike ballots in the Trade Union Act 1984. The Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA), with its 150,000 members, in keeping with its conference decisions, first of all adopted its traditional consultation procedures, but after receiving a writ from the Government decided to comply with the act.

This is not the most effective way to face up to a ruthless government. In its capacity as the employer of 500,000 non-industrial civil servants the Government has pursued an annual policy of savagely cutting the standard of life of civil servants, whose productivity, despite this, has shot up as they try to maintain a high standard of service with about 100,000 fewer staff.

The ideal route to reform would be for all civil service trade unions to unite; but for a variety of reasons this is not practical. Permanent secretaries who are members of the First Division Association are not quite ready to participate in the boisterous trade-union activity of the basic grades.

A dramatic step forward can be taken this year, however, if the proposed merger of the CPSA and the SCPS is supported by their members.

There is no great logic to the pattern of trade unionism in the civil service, which dates from mergers in the early part of the century. Some unions, such as the IRSF, are vertically organized from the lowest-paid to fairly senior levels within one government department; the CPSA and SCPS are horizontally organized across all government departments in a zigzag fashion. The SCPS, for example, is the trade union that is nationally recognized for the executive officer grade, yet the CPSA, through earlier amalgamations with smaller departmental trade unions similar to the IRSF, has joint departmental recognition with the SCPS for the executive officer grade in the Department of Employment and the Lord Chancellor's Department. In the latter the CPSA even has a few members from the principal grade. It is time to eliminate this wasteful overlap so that the unions can afford to open offices outside London in response to the decentralization of management authority.

There are two fears in the CPSA about a merger: some in the right-wing "moderate" group fear that two trade unions, both now under left-wing control, would reinforce their political power through a merger. Many low-paid members worry about bringing the managed and managers together in the same trade union.

I would not be campaigning for a merger if I thought the new union would automatically come under left-wing control: what I hope to see is greater stability of elected leadership. The almost annual swings in political control have been a disaster for the CPSA. I believe this would disappear in a new union: there would be greater stability of leadership at the local level because CPSA key activists would not be lost on promotion to a higher grade.

High participation of members voting for the new national committee in workplace ballots will ensure a representative national leadership: we must trust to democracy. It would help candidates standing for office, pledged to oppose the extreme left, if the Government ceased to give the extremists such fertile ground to work.

A CPSA / SCPS merger will be a catalyst to further reform. We have already had a friendly exchange of correspondence with the CSU, which is seeking authority from its 1985 conference to hold talks on trade-union rationalization. There has not been such an opportunity dramatically to reduce the number of civil service trade unions since the 1920s: it must not be missed.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

An apology and retraction

On March 6, in the course of an article about telephone-tapping and allied matters, I wrote this:

> *Or take CND itself. I have no doubt that most of its members work for it only because they see in it the best hope of preserving the peace of the world. I have equally no doubt that some of them work for it because they see in it the best hope of turning this country into part of the Soviet Empire.* [Italics in the original.]

On March 9, a letter appeared in the correspondence columns from Monsignor Bruce Kent, general secretary of CND. It read as follows:

> Bernard Levin claims (March 6) that some members of CND work for it "because they see in it the best hope of turning this country into part of the Soviet Empire". In the interests of justice and truth would Mr Levin please name some of these people?

To avoid any misunderstanding on the part of my readers, I must point out that I have reprinted Monsignor Kent's letter in full and without any alteration. The misunderstanding which I feared, and which by so doing I am confident I have prevented, was the belief among those who did not see, or did not recall, Monsignor Kent's letter, that I had excised from it a passage acknowledging, however grudgingly, that I had said plainly that most – no, *most* – of CND's members work for it to preserve peace. As a glance at his letter, above, will reveal, the omission was not mine, but his, and is doubtless explained by his characteristically helpful wish not to lengthen his letter unduly (even as printed, it took up an entire eight lines).

With that out of the way, I can now turn to the substance of the matter. Some may think that letters of this kind are regarded lightly by journalists thus challenged, that I, in particular, would have snorted when I saw it and muttered some such offensive words as "Send for Henry VIII, some one", or "*How* I would like to wipe the smirk off his face", or "I know – I'll cut his letter out and keep it to show those who still insist that there is nothing worse wrong with him than naiveté", or "*Wouldn't* he get a nasty surprise if I were to comply with his request", or even "Why, this brings to mind the remark of the Duke of Dorset, in *Zuleika Dobson*, to the breezy clergyman, which runs, if I recollect it aright, 'You demean your cloth, Sir, without cheating its disabilities' ".

Nothing, or not much anyway, could be further from the truth. Such thoughts never entered my head, and if they had they would have been expelled pretty smartish, I can tell you. On the contrary, I am obliged to admit that I burst into tears when I read his devastating lines, with their final, conclusive question. The reason for the tears, as well as the tears themselves, will doubtless astonish many who regard me as a hard man, reluctant to yield ground in argument and impervious to rebuke from my betters. The fact is, the *moment* I saw the Monsignor's letter, I *knew I had done wrong*.

I do not propose to excuse my behaviour, which is indeed inexcusable. I would like, however, to make clear that it was not wilful – it was based on an appalling mistake. Certainly it was a mistake I should not have made: I should have checked my facts – if I had done so, I would at once have spotted my error – and I wholly failed to. That is very culpable; but I hope my readers, and especially the Monsignor, will accept that at least it is not so culpable as would have been the deliberate publication of something that I knew, even as I wrote it, was wrong.

For of course there is *no* member of CND who would for a moment countenance the suggestion that this country should be in any way influenced by, let alone come to resemble, to say nothing of submit to the domination of, much less allow herself to be incorporated in, the Soviet empire – which in any case, as any member of CND will readily confirm, does not exist, since those nations (Czechoslovakia, for instance, or Bulgaria, or Afghanistan) which seem to have little independent volition, adhere to Soviet policy and actions solely because the overwhelming majority of the citizens – indeed, *all* the citizens without exception – are wholehearted admirers of the Soviet system, so much so that they have modelled their own political nature upon it, though of course they could at any moment sever all ties with the Soviet Union and pursue a course entirely opposed – nay, positively inimical – to Mr Gorbachov's wishes, if they wanted to, which naturally they don't, and my word wouldn't, not for any consideration, by no means, not at all, ever.

But if, purely by way of a hypothetical exercise, CND were to grant that there *is* a Soviet empire, and even that Britain's incorporation in it would be, in some small measure, not wholly desirable, I repeat that it is utterly inconceivable that any member of CND would even think of *wishing* for such a state of affairs, and as for taking steps to help bring it about, you might as well say that members of the parliament of East Germany make pro-Soviet speeches because they would not have been appoint – oops, *elected*, if they were capable of doing anything else and because in addition they would anyway be afraid to.

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Kent as seen by Trog

Some – scoundrels all – might suggest that those who seek members of CND anxious to make Britain part of the Soviet empire should look, for a start, at those members who are also members or fellow-travellers of the Communist Party of Great Britain, and in particular its Stalinist wing, since that is where they are most likely to be found. Nonsense, wicked nonsense; although for more than 50 years the CPGB has praised the Soviet Union, admired the Soviet Union, lied about the Soviet Union, advocated everything that would help the Soviet Union, this – I can now exclusively reveal – was a gigantic hoax, the truth being that, should any question of Britain's incorporation into the Soviet empire arise, every member of the party would at once throw off his mask and come out in his true colours as an implacable opponent of the entire Soviet idea. And if that is so of the CP in general, how much more strongly does it apply to CP members of CND!

Some argue (people like Lord Chalfont, for instance, or Michael Heseltine, or me – and that will show you what kind of wickedness CND has to contend with) that the eager wish of the Soviet Union's leaders to see Britain unilaterally disarmed is evidence that such disarmament would, in their eyes, bring closer the day when Britain would be incorporated into the Soviet empire. Even if that were true, which it isn't, and even if they wished to incorporate Britain into their empire, which they don't, and even if there existed such an empire for them to incorporate us in, which there doesn't, it is simply not true that *any* member of CND would ever contemplate furthering such work, and if any member thought that his activity on CND's behalf might accidentally further it, he would immediately resign from the organization.

But there is more proof – and this conclusive – of the shocking inaccuracy of my assertion. CND claims a membership running into six figures. Now I happen to know that Monsignor Kent has *himself* – no delegating here – checked exhaustively into the aims and conduct of every one of the hundreds of thousands of his organization's adherents. Questionnaires, polygraph tests, months of positive vetting, careful monitoring of public speeches – all this and much more he has undertaken, in addition to his other labours, and the result should astonish and abash the sceptics, if there are any left after all this. *This is now proof positive, vouched for in every case by the Monsignor, that no member of CND wishes, or has ever wished, or will ever in the future wish, to see Britain incorporated into the Soviet empire.*

That settles the matter, and I now offer to the Monsignor, and to every member of CND without exception, my profoundest regrets, my most unqualified apologies, my deepest sorrow, my most passionate grief, for this most unwarranted slur on as a fine body of men and women as I have ever come across outside the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the Sisters of Mercy, the Angels of Mons and the Royal College of Dentists. (There is something wrong with that sentence, but I can't quite put my finger on it.)

I hope that will suffice. On the other hand, if it won't, I am not at all sure what I can do about it.

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Peter Kellner

Revising the numbers game

Benjamin Disraeli was wrong. It is not true that there are "lies, damned lies and statistics." There are only lies, damned lies and *badly used* statistics. The distinction is important and frequently ignored.

Newspapers often set a poor example, not least when publicizing their circulation and readership figures. Bad habits may be impossible to eradicate when tabloid papers buy advertising space in Fleet Street's trade press to project dubious claims; but when *The Times* news pages fall victim to the same scourge, that is a more serious matter.

Twice since last summer *The Times* has carried news stories about its growing sales and readership. On the first occasion, last September, a front-page headline proclaimed: "Sales of Times overtake Guardian." The second occasion was on March 11, when under the headline "The Times shows big gains in readership," we were told that this newspaper was prospering "while other quality daily newspapers suffer considerable losses".

Last August, it is true, the circulation of *The Times*, at 461,000, was 8,000 higher than *The Guardian*'s. But, as everyone in the business knows, it is unwise to read too much into a single month's figures – and unwisest of all to take the holiday month of August.

At the very least we should be kept regularly informed. But we have not. August's figures warranted front-page news, but September's, October's, November's, December's, January's and February's warranted – nothing. The missing story is that in September *The Guardian* regained the lead and has held it ever since. The margin has varied: 3,000 in September rising to 44,000 in November, and falling back to 5,000 last month.

It is possible that *The Times* has now taken the lead again; possible, too, that this time it will hold it. However, until and unless a sequence of audited monthly figures establishes the point, we can conclude no more than that both papers have established new sales records in the last few months, within a whisker of half a million each, while the *Daily Telegraph* has been clearly slipping, its sales during the second half of 1984 were the lowest since 1960.

The tale of *The Times*'s circulation figures, then, is one of *suppressio veri*, even though that *veri* is far from discreditable. When we come to this month's story about readership, however, we move into the murkier world of *suggestio falsi*.

The basis of the report on March 11 was the latest National Readership Survey. A table accompanying the story showed the survey as recording an increase in *The Times*'s readership of 120,000 between the first and second halves of last year, while the figures for *The Guardian*, *Daily Telegraph* and *Financial Times* were all down.

The survey figures have been disputed by circulation managers – to the extent that the controversy has undermined half the point of collecting the figures in the first place.

Readership, of course, is different from circulation. *The Times* sells about 480,000 copies daily, but around 1,200,000 people read it. More to the point, while circulation figures consist of an audit of the number of copies actually sold, readership figures are based on sample surveys. And surveys are subject to sampling error. It is this vital fact that last week's story ignored.

Every day, except Sundays and bank holidays, the National Readership Survey asks, on average, 88 people about their reading habits. The cumulative figures provide samples of just under 14,000 every six months. In the first half of last year the survey found 317 *Times* readers; in the second half 353. On the basis of an increase of 36 people out of a sample of 14,000 – one quarter of one per cent – *The Times* claimed "big gains in readership".

The survey is alive to the danger of its figures being abused in this way. In the preface to each of its volumes of statistics it warns specifically against five kinds of "misuse". The fifth of these is "where a difference between two periods is interpreted as a change in readership without checking whether the difference is large enough to be significant, bearing in mind the sample size".

The survey reinforces this message in two ways. First, it provides its clients with a three-page guide to testing for statistically significant changes. Second, it provides a summary sheet on which statistically significant changes are clearly marked.

Its latest summary shows that the survey found *no statistically significant change during last year* in the readership of either *The Times* or *Financial Times*. (That does not mean *The Times* failed to add new readers; it does mean that the survey data cannot be cited as proof that it has succeeded.) There was, to use the survey's own terminology, a "very highly significant" fall in *Telegraph* readership – consistent with (though somewhat greater than) its decline in sales. There was also a "significant" fall in *Guardian* readership – but as the survey points out, changes within a single year "could be due to seasonality", and in recent years the *The Guardian*'s strongest season has been the spring.

Doubtless many people will argue that none of this matters; surely everyone expects newspapers to portray their figures in the best possible light? There are, I believe three reasons why it does matter, especially for *The Times*.

First, this newspaper presents itself as a paper of record. If it distorts that record in its news pages for a partisan purpose, it damages its particular claim to respect.

Second, serious newspapers seek the trust of their readers. Figures are particularly treacherous, especially in tables, because they tend to convey precision and authority. A careful reader can usually detect weasel words; it is far harder to spot weasel numbers. But whether digesting words or numbers, the reader should be able to trust the paper and its reporters to play fair. If a newspaper fails to report its own affairs properly, why should it be trusted to report anyone else's?

Third, truth is valuable for its own sake. It is not just another commodity like aftershave or Sellotape: it is special. But truth can be special only as long as those who trade in it respect it. For *The Times* above all papers truth, like charity, should begin at home.

Killer network that goes to the top

Five years ago this week the archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot dead by a sniper as he celebrated mass in his own chapel. Responsibility for the elimination of the most outspoken champion of the poor and oppressed in El Salvador has always been attributed to the shadowy group that directs the country's notorious death squads. Tonight a Channel Four documentary examines the alleged involvement in the affair of senior military officers – some still serving – and right-wing politicians.

Among the protest marches and demonstrations demanding further investigation of the archbishop's murder, an incident last weekend has gone almost unnoticed: the violent passing of the man directly responsible for the creation of the death squads, a retired general named Jorge Alberto Medrano.

Whoever ambushed and killed Medrano in the Salvadoran capital – presumably the work of left-wing guerrillas emulating his own *methods* – removed a figure who had sponsored the rise of some of the most frightening people in the country today. An accomplished if unstable organizer, as head of the state intelligence agency in the mid-1960s Medrano founded a vast network of spies, informers and hired killers to "fight subversion" known as Orden.

Among his eager young protégés was a junior officer in the National Guard called Robert D'Aubuisson, now leader of El Salvador's most extreme right-wing political faction. Under Medrano's guidance, he began compiling detailed records of thousands of Salvadorans deemed to hold politically unacceptable opinions: liberal politicians, trade-union officials, academics, student organizers, and even some colleagues in the military.

These files provided the raw material for the death squads which

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San Salvador graveyard: a plastic-wrapped victim

plunged El Salvador into a nightmare over the ensuing decade. The secrets they contained ranged from suspected connections with the country's emergent guerrilla movement to bank accounts, love affairs and drinking habits.

Once a victim had been selected, off-duty troops and policemen did most of the dirty work. On numerous occasions, however, Medrano would speak warmly of D'Aubuisson and a couple of his other keen young men as *mis tres asesinos* – "my three murderers". Salvadorans who knew D'Aubuisson well at the time maintain that he was already developing the interrogation techniques that were to earn him the nickname of "Major Blowtorch".

Another of Medrano's *asesinos*, Eduardo Avila, was considered by many to be even more ruthless. An army officer, Avila was suspected of involvement in numerous crimes before the US embassy in San Salvador denounced him for having helped to plan the shooting of two American trade-union officials and the head of the Salvadoran land reform programme four years ago. Avila was directly implicated in the confessions of the men who did the killing. After strenuous pressure from Washington, which was trying to root notorious extremists out of the Salvadoran armed forces, Avila was cashiered – but only on minor disciplinary charges.

Medrano finally over-reached himself and was dismissed after an attempt to extend his personal power, but excellent connections kept him alive. Roberto D'Aubuisson managed to survive his benefactor's downfall, thanks, in no small part, to judicious use of the material in his files. He was chief intelligence officer of the National Guard in 1979 when a coup removed most of his remaining sponsors. D'Aubuisson was among officers considered too extreme to be kept in important jobs if the support of the Carter administration was to be secured.

When he left his National Guard office, Salvadoran sources maintain, he took all the most damaging material, including records of how the death squads were organized. He soon rose rapidly to political power, and his right-wing coalition is expected to retain control of the legislative assembly in next Sunday's elections. That rise to power is explained, say insiders, by his precise knowledge of where (sometimes literally) the bodies are buried.

The long reach of the Medrano connection does not end there. El Salvador's present minister of defence, General Carlos Vides Casanova, was one of his faithful young aides back in the heyday of Orden. It was during Casanova's subsequent term as commander of the National Guard that four American women missionaries were murdered in cold blood by a group of guardsmen. American officials made it clear that they believed the killing must have been ordered from above. FBI experts called in to help the investigation, after confessions had come from rank-and-file soldiers, concluded that a cover-up had almost certainly take place.

Today, as if to bring the wheel full circle, the head of the Salvadoran intelligence agency at the time of Archbishop Romero's death (speaking from exile in the US) is accusing both General Casanova and Roberto D'Aubuisson of having been among the prime movers in the archbishop's assassination.

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Bordering on the absurd

Nobody has commented on it yet, but there has been an extraordinary shift in the image of Scotland recently. It started when the Scots acquired humane and tolerant drinking laws, as opposed to our benighted set of regulations. It continued when it was discovered that new laws in Scotland have almost done away with soccer violence. And it was confirmed, for me, the other day when it turned out that gazumping is nearly unknown among Scots; house-buying is an honourable transaction under their rules.

Isn't it about time this trend was recognized in literature . . .?

(From North to Freedom, *a novel in progress)*

There were four of us sitting at the same table in the Edinburgh Express.

All four of us had sat silent since getting on at London and it wasn't till we left Newcastle that the atmosphere began to relax.

It was the man by the window, in the combat jacket, who broke the silence.

"Does any of you happen to know where the public telephones at Waverley Station are?"

"Aye," said the woman sitting opposite him, and next to me. "They're on the main concourse, so they're a wee bit noisy."

"Suits me fine," said the man. "All the harder to tap."

"There's no phone-tapping in Scotland," said the woman strictly. The man laughed.

"Sorry if I sound a bit paranoid, but I work for CND and phone-tapping is all part of our life. That's why I'm going to Scotland, actually – to make a lot of office phone-calls with a bit of privacy."

"It's a bit extreme to take a train trip just to make a few phone-calls from Waverley," I said. He shrugged.

"When you live in England, you get used to extremes."

"You certainly do," said the woman. "I'm a Scottish lawyer specializing in house-buying, and I'm now making a weekly trip to deal with English people wanting to buy houses in Scotland. They're so sick of being gazumped that they'd rather move to Scotland and get it over with."

"I'm on the same sort of mission," said the man who hadn't spoken yet. "I work for *The Guardian*, and we're opening a small office in Edinburgh for civil servants to bring us documents they're too frightened to show us in England. Thank God Scottish law still protects freedom of information. I sometimes arrive at work in the morning in London and find the police bodily dragging away people who have been trying to contact us. It's frightening."

A man across the aisle who had been listening intently now leant across and joined in.

"You know, a month ago I wouldn't have believed any of this. Despite all her faults, England is still the best, freest place in the world, blah blah blah. And yet now I find myself moving to Scotland just to pursue my job."

"Which is?" I asked.

"I am a *Play of the Month* producer on TV," he said simply.

By now we were stopping at Berwick-on-Tweed, only a few miles short of the Scottish border. I noticed a policeman get on the train and start walking along our coach.

"By the way, what brings you up here?" someone asked me.

"I am a plainclothes police officer," I said, "and I shall have to ask you all to leave the train at Berwick and come with me." I beckoned to the policeman, ignoring the horrified gasps. "Robertson, take these four away for questioning, would you?"

" 'Fraid I can't, sir," he said. He sat down heavily in a free seat over the aisle and took his helmet off.

"Are you disobeying an order?"

"Call it that if you like, sir. In fact, I'm moving to Edinburgh to work – defecting to the other side, you might say, where a policeman can take pride in administering the law. And if I were you, sir, I'd stay just where you are."

I had half risen to my feet. I sank back, realizing that I was surrounded by hostile eyes. Minutes later a cheer went up as we crossed the Scottish border. Alone among them, I was not looking forward to my arrival in Edinburgh. It does not look good on one's personal file, being deported to England.

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IN THE SCHOOLROOM

The new schools white paper avoids the high ground. It is an immensely practical document, a detailed programme for state schooling for years to come. Sir Keith Joseph, his bureaucratic shears polished up by departmental civil servants, appears to stand ready to labour in the undergrowth. But where is the guiding vision?

Billed as a plan for the twenty-first century the white paper provides only an intermittent sense of the future that the present and successor generation of schoolchildren will make. That future depends on the better marriage of schooling and the economy. The paper might usefully have taken a single focus: how to reshape our schools to give pupils competence for economic life in the last decade of this century and beyond, to give them an attested command not only of specific bodies of knowledge or particular skills of reading, enumeration and expression, but the essential competence to learn more, to adapt. To personalize it: Lord Young should have peered over Sir Keith's shoulder and at the end of every chapter asked how the educational regime connected with the labour market and the imperatives of job creation.

Sir Keith's is a departmental paper. There is none of the passion and urgency for educational change that can be felt in a Manpower Services Commission document such as *Competence and competition*; a sense of bureaucratic rivalry still hangs over the plan to expand the Technical and Vocational Educational Initiative (an MSC creation) in the schools: glimpses only are caught of the vital link between secondary attainment and the Government's emerging scheme for youth.

Yet as a departmental paper this will deserve a proud place among the post-war publications of the Ministry of Education. For Sir Keith is a doer. Ably assisted by his permanent secretary, Mr David Hancock, Sir Keith appears determined to use the central powers of his office to their full extent and, as the white paper sets out for assessing teachers, add to them. This is a high risk strategy. It brings all manner of local and detailed decision making to Whitehall; it may undercut local politicians; it may increase spending pressures. Such a strategy of ministerial intervention across the board is justified only if the state of the schools demands action which the local education authorities are unable or unwilling to carry out because councils have been too slow to adapt to changed economic circumstances.

So the scale of intervention set out in this white paper can be justified only temporarily, as it were to set the ball rolling down a new course. By temperament Sir Keith doubtless has no ambition to emulate Napoleon and run the schools centrally. He will, however, have to fight hard against the bureaucratic logic likely to take him further and further into central administration of this local service.

In six years the Government has moved from favouring parent power. The white paper downgrades even last year's plan for reorganizing school governing bodies to give parents a bigger say. The emphasis is unmistakably on Her Majesty's Inspectors, on DES-approval of teachers' training and assessment, on national (Government-monitored) tests of attainment at the end of the period of compulsory schooling. The white paper, in other words, is emphatically statist. The voucher is dead.

The use of enhanced state powers in pursuit of a single end – the re-equipping of schools for work in a technological age – might be acceptable; but there is a sense in the white paper of multiple, sometimes inconsistent objectives. For example much is made of the need to heighten "standards" – yet Sir Keith knows well that is often a tired code word for the sort of overly-academic education of which Britain has a superfluity. Indeed Sir Keith says himself the time has come for academic pupils to acquire "manual skills" (meaning, presumably, working a keyboard rather than building a set of shelves). The white paper, quite correctly, makes much of the need for schools to differentiate much more accurately than at present between the able and less able, the natural achievers and pupils who need to be pushed. But the logic of differentiation could be separate schooling, perhaps at age 11, perhaps later – Sir Keith has nothing to say about the lack of faith of many urban parents in comprehensive secondaries.

But, pity Sir Keith. Despite his centralizing tendencies the schools system will remain an untidy pattern in which change can be effected only slowly. Throughout the white paper there are tantalizing glimpses of an emerging scheme that might begin to give schools, pupils and teachers a new sense of purpose: a core curriculum in the first three years of the secondary school, limited options in the remaining two years (which will be heavily influenced by the new vocational plan), leading to a 16-plus test of attainment for all school leavers, whatever their ability, to stand them in good stead whether they are heading for work, or further education and training. It would be foolish to ignore just how difficult it will be to sell such qualitative schemes for the schools when dispute is rife over the quantity of money for pay, for rate support grant, for personnel. Yet in pieces in this white paper is a plan which, provided Sir Keith and his colleagues can muster their political arts, could be sold to teachers, councillors and parents. On it, or something like it, the economic welfare of their children depends.

FAR FROM THEIR FLOCK

Does the British Council of Churches, or any individual church within it, need to have "a position" on the question of east-west relations? On the face of it the answer to such a question must be: "No". Does any church have a position on Anglo-French relations, or the future of the Common Market, or VAT? If there is no need for either the Council or its individual members to have such a position, why does its assembly take time to consider the latest draft document, whose final version has not even had the benefit of any serious scrutiny from the Council's own east-west committee?

No formal decision has ever been taken by the BCC to have a "position" or even to initiate a draft statement of policy. The document which was considered yesterday before being referred back for further study, thus appears to be primarily the product of a committee seeking something to do with its time. It originated with the Rev Paul Oestreicher, whose first two drafts were thrown out by the Council's east-west committee. At the third attempt, the Oestreicher draft seems to have slipped through the net without any further scrutiny.

That is a pity. It would be even more of a pity if the document had become inadvertently endorsed as representing the views of the British Council of Churches. As might be expected from its authorship, it labours hard to strike a wholly even-handed approach between east and west. On a day when a Soviet soldier shoots dead an American officer for taking photographs it might seem odd to encounter a statement that "Christians will not, in east or west, be able to identify wholly with either side in the present power struggle". But that is symptomatic of the whole theme.

Mr Oestreicher clearly believes that it would be Christian triumphalism to suggest that the system of Soviet tyranny which reigns in the eastern bloc is anti-christian and therefore undeserving of such balanced treatment. The document, consequently, suggests that in seeking the creation of "a warm peace", such a system "cannot be made dependent on the prior good conduct of the other side. That is clear from a Christian understanding of the nature of fallen humanity". In other words, our relationship with the eastern bloc need not take account of Soviet attitudes, intentions or behaviour. That in the language of an extreme kind of unilateralism which certainly does not represent the views of most churchgoers in the United Kingdom.

On the basis of such an approach the document, if endorsed, would commit every British church to specific policies of a nuclear freeze, further cultural and human exchanges with the Soviet Union and east Europe, fuller contacts with the Prague-based Christian Peace Conference, whose credentials are extremely suspect, and support for peace educational institutions "at all levels and in the media".

In attempting to carry the doctrine of evenhandedness to every aspect of the East West equation, the statement tries to compare the ten thousand political prisoners in the Soviet Union denied human rights, with "well over 10,000 Americans killed every year by hand guns which Americans have the 'right' to carry." How does one weigh the lack of the right to teach religion against a lack of means to take one's children from the crime ridden slums of Harlem?" it asks.

In another passage it refers to "the strength of the forces of ideological intolerance in both the USSR and the USA". Are there any political prisoners in the United States? Is it a one party system of totalitarianism? Are there thought police, Helsinki monitoring groups, or human rights activists in enforced exile to the interior?

For the British Council of Churches to adopt a document which states that "both Marxism and Western liberalism in their many forms enshrine positive values which have only been partly achieved in East and West . . . and have been distorted and corrupted by those in power" would lead to a further gap between most British congregations and the Church bureaucracy which purports to speak in their name. That bureaucracy is now becoming, like the trade union leadership, more and more remote from the real feelings of its rank and file. That this document could get as far as it has within the Church bureaucracy without somebody crying out "foul play" shows how easily the church bureaucracy is now manipulated by political minds or else how lost it has become. In the circumstances, yesterday's referral back was an unexpectedly lucky escape. The document should now be given a decent burial.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plea for release of UDF leaders

From Mr David Steel, MP for Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale (Liberal) and others

Sir, On Friday, March 29, 16 leaders of the United Democratic Front are again to appear in court in Durban, South Africa, to face charges of high treason. They include five of those who sought sanctuary in the British Consulate in Durban last September.

The United Democratic Front was established in August, 1983, to seek non-violent change in South Africa. It played a central role in the campaign against South Africa's new constitution, which resulted in the widespread boycott of the elections under this constitution in August, 1984. Many of those now accused of high treason were originally detained on the eve of those elections.

The decision of the South African authorities to bring charges of high treason against the 16 UDF leaders has already provoked widespread criticism within South Africa and internationally. The United Nations Security Council, meeting on Tuesday, March 12, voted unanimously to "call upon the Pretoria regime to withdraw the charges of high treason instituted against the United Democratic Front officials" and to "call for their immediate and unconditional release".

We welcome the British Government's support for this resolution and urge the South African authorities to heed this and other similar appeals. Surely to do so must be in the interests of South Africa as a whole.

Instead of being brought to trial for "high treason", the leaders of the United Democratic Front are amongst those to whom the South African Government must start talking, if further violence and racial conflict are to be avoided.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID STEEL,
DAVID OWEN,
DENIS HEALEY,
House of Commons.
March 25.

Broadcasting's troubles

From Dr Jason Ditton

Sir, In the acrimonious and shallow battle between *The Times* and the BBC over the licence fee William Bishop's contribution, "Cold front over the BBC" (March 14) was refreshingly novel and exceedingly sensible.

By looking at comparative regulatory efficiency, he then makes a solid case for allowing advertising.

But is there a hurry? Why not freeze the fee at its current level and begin the change with Government-financed public service advertising? In the first year this could be guaranteed at the level which would have accrued if the BBC got whatever fee it is they want.

That guarantee could be also frozen at that absolute cash level for the same period as that requested for the proposed new fee's life. After which, if the BBC wanted to expand, it would have to do so by selling time on the commercial market.

Yours faithfully,
JASON DITTON,
Department of Sociology,
University of Glasgow,
61 Southpark Avenue,
The University,
Glasgow.
March 15.

Once bitten

From Colonel Ethelwald E. Vella

Sir, I feel that this year (1985) should not go by without a mention of the dramatic and historic events which happened 100 years ago.

Louis Pasteur, a chemist and not a medical practitioner, was faced with a great professional ethical problem when the distraught mother of a nine-year-old boy (Joseph Meister), who had been bitten by a rabid dog, brought her son to Paris all the way from Alsace and implored Pasteur to save her son's life. It was her only hope and her son's only chance.

Pasteur had done his homework well and had shown that dogs could be protected against rabies by his technique of inoculating these animals by desiccated laboratory-infected rabbit spinal cords. Could these laboratory results be extrapolated to human patients?

The boy was vaccinated, and he lived, the first human patient to receive a rabies vaccine.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
E. E. VILLA,
Reader in Military Pathology,
Royal Army Medical College,
Millbank, SW1.
March 12.

Pay and principle in teachers' dispute

From Mr Tony Rail

Sir, I must take issue with your leader today (March 19) on the current teachers' dispute. You are quite wrong in asserting that the dispute relates primarily to the management of schools. Teachers, by and large, are not unhappy with the notion of appraisal of their performance; indeed professional appraisal, both informal and formal, is already a part of the teacher's life. Nor are we against a contract, though in this, as with other plans for education, we want our voice as experts to be heard.

No, the issue is money. Talk of lunchtime duties, evening meetings, taking classes for absent colleagues, reflects our sense of frustration with a public who seem unaware of the enormous unpaid overtime we undertake in response to mixed-ability teaching and changes in the content, approach and assessment of courses.

Quantifying some aspects of this overtime is seen by some teachers as a lever towards better pay. But should we need such a lever?

I joined teaching from industry, shortly after the Houghton award in 1974, when teachers' pay was comparable to graduates in industry. Since then I have seen our salaries steadily drop, despite the Secretary of State's insistence, when computing the change in teachers' salaries over the past five years, of including increases relating to previous years.

We now need 35 per cent to restore our salaries to Houghton levels. We asked for 12 per cent. The Governments response was an increase yet again below the average of increases in industry. This is what makes us angry.

Yours sincerely,
TONY RAIL,
Abbs Cross School,
Abbs Cross Lane,
Hornchurch,
Essex.
March 19.

From P. D. Allan

Sir, Much has recently been spoken on and written about the need to link teachers' pay rises to some kind of assessment. I wonder whether the full implication of this has really been considered in a school situation. Assuming that some kind of scheme operated whereby everybody's rise was linked to assessment, I wonder what would happen in the following situation.

Two teachers are considered to decide next year's pay. Teacher A, Mr Average, fails to qualify as a "super-teacher" while his colleague, Teacher B, Ms Brilliant, does. Does Mr A then work harder next year to reach the required standard or, if he has failed the attempt to reach the next grade after two or three tries, does he give up?

Is he expected to show the same commitment, to throw himself with gusto into preparing lessons, marking, writing reports, caring for his form, attending school meetings, going to parents' evenings, etc, etc? Will he still be prepared to do all this with the same energy? Will he still give up his free time to run his after-school club, knowing that he is being paid less for the same, or more, work than Ms B?

I could see a system like this being a demoralizer and a divider of staffs. Surely it is better to pay people for the job they are doing and for their years of service, while at the same time maximizing staff performance by a careful review of progress and by providing the necessary support and in-service training.

If all that the "assess teachers" lobby is really worried about are the handful of sub-standard teachers, the procedures already exist for removing them should the local authorities wish to use them.

I fear the above matters have diverted attention from the real issue involved in the current dispute, notably what is a suitable level of pay for the profession. At the present time it is low. I worry what the effect of a demoralized, poorly paid teaching force will be on the education service. I cannot help feeling that in the end you get what you pay for.

Yours faithfully,
P. D. ALLAN, Deputy Headteacher,
Whitmore High School,
Porlock Avenue,
Harrow,
Middlesex.
March 20.

From Mr J. C. W. Ashby

Sir, Last year I conducted the CSE oral German examination at my school. This involved one hour's preparation, a further hour's conducting and taping the examination, and a final 30 minutes checking marks and form-filling.

For this I received from the examination board a cheque for 66p, before tax! A professional rate for the job, alas, does not seem to apply, as Mr J. W. Neville's letter (March 21) would indicate.

Yours,
J. C. W. ASHBY,
3 Forest Close,
Rainow,
Macclesfield,
Cheshire.
March 21.

Human cost of motoring

From Lord Campbell of Eskan

Sir, Why in the Budget add across the board to the cost of licensing a motorcar at a time when rural bus services are getting ever fewer and farther between?

If the money must be raised there are surely various alternatives to the Chancellor's proposal. Raise it – as in France – through the price of petrol. I know of one old couple (the wife agoraphobic) who use their almost equally elderly car to go shopping once a week. Thus the petrol cost is negligible. There's no other way they can go shopping.

Other alternatives: allow a rebate for old-age pensioners. Graduate – as used to be done – the payment to the horse-power of the car, weighting it against the powerful. Make company cars pay more than private cars.

I know of several other cases in which the increase to £100 is likely to prove the last straw; it is adding to the isolation of – particularly – the poor and the old. It really should be possible to be more imaginative about this.

Yours faithfully,
CAMPBELL OF ESKAN,
House of Lords.
March 21.

MPs' car allowances

From Mr John Eyles

Sir, Responsibility for the present state of the nation's economy, rate of employment, morale, etc must, of necessity, rest in part with members of Parliament since it is they who govern the country.

Consequently, the car allowances now proposed for them (*The Times*, March 21) are intolerable. Without going deeply into the whole subject, several points arise. For example, why should MPs be given such sums (from public funds) when members of the public who are equally dependent on cars for their livelihood have to make do with reductions in taxation which are not comparable with the figures now suggested for MPs?

Increased allowances for larger cars are indefensible because they increase pollution and waste precious fuels. It would be more logical to give larger allowances for smaller cars.

Also, I suggest that no allowance at all should be given to MPs in particular, unless the car in question has been made in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN EYLES,
Dew Farm,
Marton-cum-Grafton, York.

Effects of alcohol

From the Chairman of the Institute of Alcohol Studies

Sir, Average consumption of alcohol doubled between 1950 and 1979. We know that a consequence of this was an explosion in the incidence of alcohol misuse. To give just one example, about one in five admissions to general medical units are now alcohol-related. The economic and human costs of this and the myriad other effects of too much alcohol are, of course, colossal. Had the price of spirits, for example, kept pace with the general movement of prices and incomes since 1964, a bottle of whisky would now cost £19.86.

Between 1979 and 1982 the real price of alcohol did increase somewhat, largely because of the recession. In consequence, average alcohol consumption declined by 11 per cent. However, alcohol consumption began to increase again in 1983 and there is little doubt that the gains to public health will now be lost, especially in view of the Budget.

The interests of public health have again been ignored in setting duty changes. It is as if the Department of Health and the Treasury were not just different departments of government but inhabitants of different worlds.

Yours faithfully,
J. STUART HORNER, Chairman,
Institute of Alcohol Studies,
Alliance House,
12 Caxton Street, SW1.
March 20.

Art in lieu of tax

From Judge Stephen Tumim and Mrs William Morrison

Sir, Aside from the fierce storms that beset the financing of the arts hovers one dark cloud, the acceptance-in-lieu scheme. Where there is a big tax bill on an estate the executors can offer a work of art in lieu of tax. Expert advice is sought as to whether the work is of appropriate importance and the proposed valuation satisfactory.

If the Revenue accepts, it demands full compensation for the lost tax from the in-lieu fund, held by the Office of Arts and Libraries. Acceptance-in-lieu means for the Revenue acceptance plus the tax.

The in-lieu fund for 1985-1986 for works of art has been set at £1 million. This renders the scheme unworkable. It is concerned with major works, now of hefty value. For example, any one of the Titians or Raphaels presently on loan to the National Gallery of Scotland would be valued at over £10 million. The Walker Art Gallery's Poussin cost £1,150,000. Lord Clark's Turner was sold at auction for over £7 million. Sir Roland Penrose's great de Chirico, with every tax concession, is on offer to the Tate for over £1 million.

Should there be any annual limit? Owners die at irregular intervals. Executors facing tax bills cannot delay. Would it not be frivolous to accept a brace of Brueghels on the gamble that nothing else would be offered in the current year?

Should there be a fixed limit at all? Under the compensation scheme the nation could not have accepted the 20 Petworth Turners. The Revenue profits in any event from high prices on the art market. If the work is of real concern to us, why should public acquisition depend on whether one Government department can presently afford to compensate another?

They order this matter better in France, where, under the "dation" scheme, work can be accepted for the nation in lieu of tax without any demand for compensation from the arts budget. Thus the Centre Pompidou has aquired work by Picasso, Braque, Mondrian, Matisse and others.

As friends of the Tate, we seek an acceptance-in-lieu scheme which means what it says, is workable, and does not drive abroad art which should belong to the nation. This requires the abandonment of the system of compensation between Government departments, although there must remain strict control under Parliament to ensure that the standards for acceptance remains high.

No change in the law is needed. As friends, we make our modest contribution to the collections of the Tate and are anxious that private and corporate contribution be encouraged by public example. Our concern under the scheme is not with minor works of charm but with the great works of art which should invigorate our collections if the latter are not to turn into closed museums.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN TUMIN, Chairman,
SANDRA MORRISON,
Chairman, Executive Committee,
The Friends of the Tate Gallery,
Millbank, SW1.
March 21.

South Africa boycott

From Mr Danlami Basharu and others

Sir, The arguments Mr Madron Seligman (March 12) uses for the case against the campaign for disinvestment are those that the South African Government uses itself to assure and encourage foreign investors.

He says that only a few of the wide range of political groups he talked to were in favour of the campaign for disinvestment. This is hardly surprising since under a section of the Internal Security Act it is a criminal offence in South Africa to show support for such a campaign. Moreover, the ANC (African National Congress), PAC (Pan-African Congress) and Black Consciousness Movement, recognised by the UN as representatives of the majority in South Africa, have repeatedly called for such a campaign.

He says that disinvestment would damage those it was attempting to help, namely, the black Africans and immigrant workers. In calling for such a campaign the black Africans fully realise such a sacrifice is worth the long-term gain. Indeed, Albert Luthuli, Nobel Peace Prize winner, wrote as long ago as 1962:

> The economic boycott of South Africa will entail undoubted hardship for Africans. We do not doubt this. But if it is a method that shortens the day of bloodshed, the suffering to us will be a prize we are willing to pay.

Mr Seligman further argues that disinvestment would be a major economic setback to the neighbouring black nations who, he says, depend on South African markets and international ports. However, all these neighbouring countries have supported the numerous UN resolutions calling for sanctions to be imposed on South Africa.

Furthermore, the dependence of Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi on East London and other South African harbours is due to the destabilising effect of South Africa's military policy on Mozambique and Angola, thus preventing them from developing their infrastructure and ports (Luanda and Maputo) to serve the needs of Southern Africa. In fact, he admits that it is the Renamo and Unita guerrillas, both of which are allegedly funded by South Africa, that perpetuate this dependence.

Finally, Mr Seligman offers as a means for peaceful change in South Africa a policy for investments in black and coloured entrepreneurs. Even if this policy would ensure the elimination of apartheid rather than its liberalisation, does he really see a country in which blacks are not allowed to own land, travel freely or trade in prosperous white areas, and are confined to squalid black townships, as a suitable environment for entrepreneurial success?

Though the South African Government's arguments at first seem convincing, we think that Mr Seligman must realise that they are masters of propaganda and suggest that being in a parliamentary position he should use the facilities and information at his disposal to do his homework a little more thoroughly.

Yours sincerely,
DANLAMI BASHARU,
RICHARD HART,
ALEXANDER PYM,
RABINDER SINGH,
Trinity College,
Cambridge.

Beauty of Bach

From Mr C. Miles

Sir, Your leader on Bach (March 21) made good reading for Lent. Up till now I have enjoyed listening to and attempting to play Bach: will I now be so struck with awe that I won't be able to hear the music at all?

Yours faithfully,
C. MILES,
14 St. Edmunds,
Berkhamsted,
Hertfordshire,
March 21.

Years and wisdom

From Mr Mannes Tidmarsh

Sir, As a very elderly friend remarked to me recently: "Your birthday only tells you when you were born, not how old you are".

Yours faithfully,
MANNES TIDMARSH, Chairman,
Christian Council on Ageing,
The Old Court,
Greens Norton,
Near Towcester,
Northamptonshire.
March 23.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 27 1843

The construction of the Thames Tunnel – the first under the river was beset with enormous difficulties from the outset of operations which began in February 1825. There were a number of irruptions of the river and in August 1828 all work was stopped and the tunnel remained bricked up for seven years. The designer and engineer, Marc Isambard Brunel was subject to great strain in the face of constant disasters and suffered an attack of partial paralysis from which he recovered in time to attend the opening ceremony. The tunnel was never a financial success and is now used as a branch of the Metropolitan Line underground.

THE THAMES TUNNEL

The ceremony of throwing open this "great bore" to the public was performed on Saturday last under favour of good-natured old Father Thames. The grand rendezvous was the Rotherhithe shaft on the Surrey side of the river, where two marquees had been erected, one for the accommodation of the directors and proprietors with their friends, and the other for the reception of visitors. The hoisting of flags and the ringing of bells naturally draw a great crowd of idlers to the spot at an early hour of the day, but it was not until 4 o'clock in the afternoon that the entrance to the tunnel – "Wide open stood.

"That with extended wings a banner'd host,
"Under spread ensigns marching, might pass through."

Before the procession started we had sufficient opportunity to reconnoitre the works, the appearance of which was not very pleasant. The area of the shaft is too small to give effect to the frontage of the tunnel, while its depth when viewed from the top of the circular staircase by which passengers descend, looks frightful. The sensation excited by a first glance was by no means soothed on observing that the staircase was attempted to be propped up by sundry long poles, not very skillfully nor very effectively applied, the mortises or rather notches intended to receive the projections of the several landing places being for the most part misfits, and slightly tied to the railings by small ends of rope. This was observed and commented upon by many of the visitors who were admitted into the shaft early, and who *pour passer le temps* very minutely inspected all that was to be inspected in so confined a place, which they soon discovered to be uncomfortable, in consequence of there being no opening or ventilator whatever, from the bottom to the very top of the walls by which they were encircled, except the small entrance-door from the public street. This unpleasant feeling increased with increasing numbers, until the accumulation of breaths, the dampness of the ground, which was perceptible, notwithstanding the loads of sawdust thrown about, and of the walls, which the white-wash could not conceal, and the flaring upwards of 150 gas-lights, combined to create an atmosphere at once disgustingly heated and fetid.

At 4 o'clock the sound of a gun announced that the ceremony had begun; and the procession started from the grander marquee down the staircase in the following order: – First came a very effective band, belonging, we believe, to the Fusilier Guards, headed by a policeman wearing a Waterloo medal, who seemed highly delighted because they played "See the conquering hero comes". Then followed the standard-bearer and persons carrying various flags and banners, the clerk, the solicitor, the acting engineer, the surveyor, the chief engineer, the chairman of the board of directors, the directors, the treasurer, the auditors, the proprietors and, lastly, the visitors, an immense number of persons including ladies. The route taken was along the western archway of the tunnel, and on arriving at the shaft at Wapping, that was ascended and paraded, and then the procession returned by the eastern archway to Rotherhithe. The majority of the visitors went the whole distance 1,200 feet; many, however, proceeded only a little way, passing and looking about with an air of suspicion every four or five yards, while some would not venture into the tunnel at all, but remained in the shaft or on the staircase. Yet amongst the majority there was a perceptible anxiety, and, notwithstanding the brilliance of the lights, the singular reverberation of the music, the shouting of the admirers of the undertaking, and all the means that were taken to give *eclat* to the event, and encouragement to spectators, notwithstanding also the physical heat that oppressed them, it was evident that there was a lurking chilling fear in the breast of many; and it cannot be denied that the very walls were in a cold sweat. Having again reached the Rotherhithe shaft, the procession ascended. Bored and wearied by climbing that at Wapping, every one fully experienced the declaration of the old Roman poet –

"Facilis descensus Averni",
but that the "*revocare gradum*", that "sich a getting up stairs" and a getting up sich stairs,

"Hoc opus, hic labor est"
But up they did get at last, puffing and blowing and, as they emerged from the shaft into the street, uttering in short but expressive ejaculations their delight at once more beholding the light of heaven and breathing pure air.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 26: The Prince of Wales, Colonel, Welsh Guards, left Dyce Airport this morning in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for the Federal Republic of Germany where His Royal Highness will visit the 1st Battalion in Hohne.

Major Jack Stenhouse and Captain Simon Stephenson were in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, President, Dr Barnardo's, this evening attended a fashion show given by Bruce Oldfield in aid of Dr Barnardo's at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, W1.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr Victor Chapman and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 26: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened the Harpur Trust Exhibition of Building Projects 1974-84 at the Harpur Suite, Bedford.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited the Annual British Exhibition of Fine Jewellery and Sterling Silver at Goldsmiths' Hall, London EC2.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon Charles Ironside and the Hon Elizabeth Law

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Lord and Lady Ironside, and Elizabeth Mary, eldest daughter of Lord Coleraine and of Mrs John Poe.

Mr R. F. A. Dobbs and Miss A. X. W. Greer

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. A. F. Dobbs, of Castle Dobbs, Carrickfergus, co Antrim, and Anna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. H. C. Greer, of Woodville, Lurgan, co Armagh.

Mr P. H. de la Force and Miss C. S. Cator

The engagement is announced between Piers, younger son of Mr Martin de la Force, of Montevideo, Uruguay, and Mrs Falaise de la Force, of 3 Herbert Crescent, SW1, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Cator, of Paxton House, Blockley, Gloucestershire.

Mr K. H. Kuhnke and Miss N. E. Lindsay

The engagement is announced between Karl, eldest son of the late Hellmuth Kuhnke, of Kiel, Germany, and Mrs Ingeborge Kuhnke, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr Alvin Frances Lindsay, of New York, and Mrs Donald Polzin.

Mr G. M. Harvey and Miss B. R. Ayton

The engagement is announced between George, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Harvey, of Coulsdon, Surrey, and Barbara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. F. Ayton, of Grouville, Jersey, C.I.

Mr P. D. MacCorkindale and Miss R. A. Benjamin

The engagement is announced between Duncan, younger son of Group Captain and Mrs P. B. MacCorkindale, of Dry Drayton, Cambridge, and Rachel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Benjamin, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr K. J. Renwick and Miss V. J. Shelton

The engagement is announced between Kimberley John, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. C. Renwick, of Repton, Derbyshire, and Victoria Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. E. Alan Shelton, of Oadby, Leicestershire.

Mr N. J. Fuller and Miss M. C. Janda

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Fuller, of Baslow, Derbyshire, and Marian, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Charles Janda, of Hinsdale, Illinois, United States.

Mr P. J. Robson and Miss K-L. Hill

The engagement is announced between Peter Joseph, second son of Mr and Mrs K. H. Robson, of Stocksfield, Northumberland, and Kim-Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. H. Hill, of Grays, Essex.

Mr M. J. Utley and Miss S. A. B. Sheild

The engagement is announced, from Hong Kong, between Michael, son of the late Rev Dr K. H. and Mrs Utley, of Pyrton, Oxfordshire, and Sally, daughter of the late A. L. Sheild, FRCS, and of Mrs G. M. Sheild, of Heathfield, Sussex.

Mr D. Waksman and Miss J. Cutner

The engagement is announced between David, only son of the late Mr Marek Waksman and of Mrs Sylvia Kopclowitz, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lewis Cutner, of Hampstead, London.

Lieutenant-Commander D. R. M. Wilkinson, RN and Miss S. E. Cole

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mrs E. Wilkinson, of Scarborough, North Yorkshire, and Sara Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs George Cole, of Garstang, Lancashire.

Mr C. MacLehose and Mme K. H. Bonnier

The marriage will take place in The Scots Kirk, Paris, on April 13, of Christopher, second son of the Rev Alexander and Mrs MacLehose, and Koukla Hélène, younger daughter of Général and Mme André Dorange.

Marriage

Mr P. M. Hornby and Miss C. J. Finlayson

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 16, in Edinburgh between Mr Paul Hornby, son of Mr and Mrs Derrick Hornby, of Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset, and Miss Christine Finlayson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Willian Finlayson, of Wester Olrig, Castletown, Caithness.

University news

QUEEN'S COLLEGE
Lamont Junior fellowship: T J Farrant BA, of Balliol College; Rowlatt Mather studentship: T J Taylor BA (Cantab), of Christ Church; Bates studentship in Egyptology: R B Parkinson of Queen's College; Firth scholarship: I C Hateson of Queen's College; Arnott scholarship: E E Kemp (Lord Lawrence) Colchester Royal Grammar School) all from October 1.

Oxford

Elections
MAGDALEN COLLEGE
Tutorial fellowship as tutor in modern history from October 1: Dr Michael John, DPhil.

BALLIOL COLLEGE
Dixon fellowship and lectureship in mathematics from October 1986: Frances Clare Kirwan BA DPhil.

Senior junior research fellowship in law from October: Benedict William Kingsbury, LLB University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE
Leathersellers' scholarships: N K D Bayley, St Albans School; J H N Poyser, Manchester Grammar School; Clothworkers' scholarships: T J Cosgrove, Talbot Heath School; T I Rees-Jones, KCS Wimbledon & Davies's College; Clothworkers' exhibition: P C Bertman, Manchester Grammar School; British Steel scholarship: A M Kenney, Ripon Grammar School.

David Blank scholarship: R K McNeil, Robert Gordon's College; Garrett scholarship: J A C Carroll, Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School; Sembal scholarships: Miss S A Coperman, St Joseph's Convent school, Reading; Miss C M Livingstone, Howell's School, Llandaff; CECAB exhibition: C M Richards, St Olave's School, Orpington; Philip Fothergill exhibition: S C Rouse, Hydal School.

LADY MARGARET HALL
To a tutorial fellowship in economics: Dieter Robin Helm, BA, TCD, MA, DPhil, Nuffield.

SOMERVILLE COLLEGE
Lewis scholarship: Naomi Ellan, BPhil; Edith Hayter exhibition: Frances A Jackson, MA, stipendiary lectureship in physiology, 1985-6: John M Wallet, BSc, MA, DM, retaining fee lectureship in music 1985-7: Callum M Tucker, MA, status Music (London).

Retaining fee lectureships in physics 1985-86: Catherine A Sayer, MA; retaining fee lectureship in mathematics 1985-86: Derek C Goldrei, MA, retaining fee lectureship in agriculture 1985-86: Trudy A Watt MA, DPhil.

Cambridge

University elections
R. J. Bowring, MA, PhD, of Downing College, university lecturer in Japanese, has been elected into the professorship of modern Japanese studies from February 25.

M. C. Lyons, MA, PhD, of Pembroke College, reader in medieval Islamic studies, has been elected into the Sir Thomas Adam's professorship of Arabic from March.

P. J. Bayley, MA, PhD, of Gonville and Caius College, university lecturer in the department of French, has been elected into the Drapers professorship of French from April 1.

College elections
KING'S COLLEGE
E B Keverne, MA, BSc (London), PhD (London), into an official fellowship from October 1 on his appointment as college lecturer in anatomy.

DOWNING COLLEGE
R J Bowring, MA, PhD, professor of modern Japanese studies, into a professorial fellowship from February 27.

SIDNEY SUSSEX COLLEGE
C H Pegg, MA (Oxford), DPhil (York), into the David Thomson senior research fellowship from October 1: C P Philo, research student and former scholar of the college, and J R Beechuse, BA (Durham), BSc (Bangor), PhD (Warwick), into research fellowships in class B from October 1.

Elections to Instrumental Awards for 1985:

CLARE COLLEGE
K R Dover (viola) Manchester HS for Girls; to read music: J R Silver (piano: Dulwich College), to read modern languages: R E Wye (piano: Queen Mary's GS, Walsall), to read music.

Luncheon

HM Government

The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host at a luncheon given at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of Mr Grigoris Varfis, Commissioner for Regional Policy and Relations with the European Parliament.

Dinners

Langbourn Ward Club

The Lord Mayor, president of the club, and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at a dinner given last night at the Mansion House by the Langbourn Ward Club. Mr Deputy John S. Henderson, chairman, and Mrs Henderson and Mr and Mrs Hugh D. C. Stebbing received the guests. Alderman Allan Davis was the principal guest speaker.

Finance Houses Association

The twenty-third annual dinner of the association was held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Ian Miller, chairman of the association, welcomed as principal guest the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton. Lord Justice Slade responded to a toast to the guests proposed by Mr John Hoddell. Those present included:
Sir Lawrence Airey, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Barber, Sir John Boreham, Sir Gordon Borrie, Lord Chalfont, Professor G Clayton, Sir Kenneth Clucas, Sir Gordon Downey, Lord Drumalbyn, Sir Edward du Cann, MP, Lord Farnham, Professor B Griffiths, Professor A G Gueat, Sir Brian Hayes, Professor G Horne, the Earl of Iddesleigh, Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Professor J E MacLeod, Sir Peter Matthews, Lord McGowan, Sir Austin Pearce, Sir Jewel Pugh, Sir Anthony Rawlinson, Sir John Read, Sir Stephen Roberts, Lord Rockley, Sir John Swinton, Mr John D Taylor, MEP, MP, Sir Donald Walters and Sir Malcolm Wilcox.

International Maritime Industries Forum

A dinner of the International Maritime Industries Forum was held last night at the Inn on the Park, London. Mr James Davies, chairman, presided and more than 150 members and their guests were present at the dinner, which preceded the full forum meeting. Among those present at the dinner were:
Mr J P Butcher, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Trade and Industry; Mr C P Srivastava, the Norwegian Ambassador; Mr J H Stevens, Liberian Charge d'Affaires; Mr H Granath, Minister, Swedish Embassy; Miss Pan Yong Hua, first Secretary, Chinese Embassy; Mr J Marc, Counsellor, French Embassy; Sir Peter Baldwin, Mr J N Biscoe, Sir Arthur Bryce, MP, Mr C R Chatterton, Mr A R C B Cooke, Mr J Graham Day, Sir James Dunnett, Mr H L C Craig, Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, Mr A G Hatchett, Mr H Imamura, Mr J Jarvis, Sir Mr H J Kryse, Mr P Le Chemmant, Mr M Maughan, Mr K Mortyn, Mr T J Parker, Mr A Platt, Mr H Routley, Mr D Rosser, Mr W B Slater, Mr J K Stuart, Dr H H de la Trobe, Mr N Trotter, MP, Admiral D Vassiliades and Mr R Wollmann.

Durbar Club

Members of the Durbar Club held a dinner on Monday evening at the Cavalry and Guards Club when Mr John Cope, MP, Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household, was the chief guest and speaker. The chairman of the club, Mr Narindar Saroop, presided. Other guests were:
Sir Anthony Grant, MP, Mr Hal Miller, MP, and Mr Martin Stevens, MP.

Receptions

HM Government

Mr John MacKay, Minister for Health and Social Work at the Scottish Office, was host last night at a reception for those attending the second International Conference on Health Education and the Media in Edinburgh Castle.

HM Inspectorate of Prisons

The Secretary of State for the Home Department was the guest of honour at a reception given by Sir James Hennessy and members of HM Inspectorate of Prisons at 50 Queen Anne's Gate last night. Among those present were:
The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Windlesham, members of both Houses of Parliament, members of the Prisons Board and the prison service and representatives of organizations and associations working in the field of criminal justice and penal reform.

Birthdays today

Mr Julian Amery, MP, 66; Mr D. R. G. Andrews, 52; Mr L. Blom-Cooper, QC, 59; Mr James Callaghan, MP, 73; Mr R. P. Cohan, 60; Lord Fanshawe of Richmond, 58; Mr W. D. D. Fenton, 77; Mr David Hancock, 51; Mr Victor Hochhauser, 62; Sir Archibald Hope, 73; Sir Douglas Logan, 75; Sir Henry Plumb, 60; Mr Mstislav Rostropovich, 58; Sir Richard Sharp, 70; Miss Sarah Vaughan, 61; Mr Michael York, 43.

Memorial services

A memorial service for Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, QC, will be held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, at noon today.

A memorial service for Mr Christopher Phillpotts will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, WC2, on Tuesday, April 23, at 11.30am.



Family funeral: Lady Redgrave with her daughters Vanessa (centre) and Lynn with some of the bouquets. (Photograph: Murray Job).

Simple farewell for Redgrave

Stage and screen stars from both sides of the Atlantic gathered in London yesterday to say farewell to Sir Michael Redgrave in a simple but moving funeral service at the tiny chapel at Mortlake crematorium.

Sir Michael died last Thursday, the day after his seventy-seventh birthday. He had suffered from Parkinson's disease for many years.

Mourners included Sir Alec Guinness, Christopher Reeve, Maggie Smith and Yehudi Menuhin. Dame Peggy Ashcroft was forced to stay at home because of illness.

Sir Michael's coffin, covered in red roses and white lilies, arrived through heavy drizzle. It supported three pictures of the actor in some of his most famous roles, King Lear, Antony, and Uncle Vanya.

Sir Michael's widow, Rachel, and his three children, Vanessa, Lynn and Corin, were present with several of his grandchildren.

Floral tributes from friends, theatre companies and colleagues arrived all morning. The chapel was packed for the service, during which the actress Dorothy Tutin read a sonnet by Shakespeare.

Sir Michael's granddaughter, Natasha Richardson, an actress, gave a reading from The Winter's Tale. A week before his death Sir Michael had been to see her play Ophelia at the Young Vic. It was his last visit to the theatre.

Ian Charleson, from the cast of Guys and Dolls, sang "My Time of Day," one of Sir Michael's favourite songs.

Corin Redgrave, in paying tribute to his father, said reports which suggested Sir Michael's career had been cut short because of his debilitating disease were misjustified.

"During the five years from 1973 to 1978 he played in more theatres and halls than he had appeared in for the whole of his career before."

Speaking of his father's famous portrayal of Hamlet, he said he had a voice "like thunder. There is no recording machine that could take such a crescendo."

Sale room

Avant-garde makes the running

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The lesser known names of Impressionism and Post-Impressionism made the running at Christie's yesterday with a new record for Theo van Rysselberghe at £86,400 (estimate £25,000-£35,000).

A Belgian artist who became an enthusiastic follower of Seurat he kept his country at the forefront of the avant garde. But it is usually Pointilliste Rysselberghes that make the top money. This was a beach scene, "Au Haut des Dunes, Elegants sur les Falaises", in clear colours and Impressionist style painted around 1887.

While Rysselberghe demonstrated a new appreciation of Seurat's followers, Maurice Denis did the same for the artists who worked closely with Gauguin in his Brittany years. "Scène Bretonne: paysanne, son engant et canards", dated 1893, sold for £43,200 (estimate £20,000-£25,000).

Henri Lebasque was the other surprise money spinner, with an intimiste depiction of a little girl on a sofa, "Jeune fille au ballon rouge", at £50,760 (estimate £16,000-£20,000).

Phillips had a group of important jewels sent by Mrs Esme Anderson, aged 73, in the hope of raising enough to buy a new Newhaven lifeboat for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. All but one sold, for a total of £198,300. But a lifeboat costs £390,000 and Mrs Anderson said that she would make up the difference, pending the reoffer of her most valuable jewel, Art Deco emerald ring, weighing 12.64 carats bought in on behalf of the owner at £85,000.

● Phillips announced the sale on June 5 of the contents of the London War Museum from the Whitehall Theatre on behalf of Mr Paul Raymond after Westminster City Council's successful claim that the "museum" was a change of use from live theatre to exhibition. Mr Raymond expects the total for the collection and the theatre, to be sold separately, to be £2 million.

Latest wills

Major John Derek Wigan, of Warninglid, West Sussex, the racehorse owner, left estate valued at £873,389 net.

Mr Louis Young, of Finchley, London, left estate valued at £1,027,977 net.

Miss Florence May Keene, of South Woodford, London, left £928,182 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Jones, Mr Stanley Alfred Morgan, of Bembridge, Isle of Wight £249,411
Jones, Mr Walter Hughes, of Haverfordwest, Dyfed £304,205
Lockyer, Mr George Oliver, of Bridgwater £413,886
Moore, Mr Alfred George, of Northwood, Middlesex £379,490
Moore, Mr Mervyn Reginald, of Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire, solicitor £248,709
Percival, Mr Walter Spencer, of Poole £376,775
Prosser, Mr Robert Benjamin, of Ulverston, intestate £277,829

Eton College

Lent Half at Eton College ended yesterday. The Hon Giles St Aubyn is leaving after 39 years' service. The Newcastle Scholarship has been awarded to S H Mandelbrote, KS; the Newcastle Medallist is A. J. N. Roxburgh, KS; the Wilder Divinity Prize has been awarded to C. M. Phipps, OS, the Newcastle Classical Prize to A. J. N. Roxburgh, KS, and the Keynes Prize for Economics to E. J. C. Morley. The Queen's Prize for French has been awarded to R. F. V. Frost and for German to D. A. J. St George, OS. The Rosebery History Exhibition has been awarded to G. D. S. Leslie, KS. In the final of the house football, Mr R. P. C. Forman's defeated Mr R. O. Quibell's by four points to nought. Mr T. L. Holden's won the athletics cup. Summer Half begins on April 24.

Malvern College

The following Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions have been awarded for 1985:
Major Scholars: S J C Ferguson, Hillstone; D J S Reed, Packwood Haugh; T G Viner, St Anselm's; L G Bull, Eversfield; P J W Bland, Cothill House; S M Taylor, Westbourne; D W Wardle, Prestfelde.
Minor Scholars: J R F Hadley, Hillstone; N R W Robinson, Downsend.
Exhibitioners: J L Donaldson, Yarlet Hall; D Ellis, Llandaff and Malvern College; O C A King, Hawford Lodge; C J Knappett, Timsbury; D Lench, Abbotsley Hall; A P Marshall, Hillstone; R A Styring, Brindale; D J Tidswell, Lichfield Cathedral; R N Wardle, Prestfelde; E J West, Emscote Lawn; T T Wise, Amesbury.
Music Scholars: G St J Gilbert, Lichfield Cathedral; J M Lancaster, Aldwickbury; D D H Whitty, Wells Cathedral; W R W Robinson, Downsend; C M Barson, The Pilgrim's School; A M Knight, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.
Maggie Burrass: A M N Stanton, Ripon Cathedral Choir; D J Tidswell, Lichfield Cathedral; D W Wardle, Prestfelde; T T Wise, Amesbury.
Art Scholars: I G Taylor, The Wells House; J A Witteridge, Bilton Grange.
Art Exhibitioner: M A Barclay, Crosfields and Malvern College.

Burgess Hill School for Girls

The following Scholarships have been awarded:
11+: Sarah Clark (Burgess Hill School for Girls Junior School); Joanna Clark (Hatchlands School); Donna Cox (Tavistock and Summerhill Prep); Catherine Cripps (Hatchlands School). Music Scholarship: Madeleine Jephcott (Burgess Hill School for Girls). Sixth Form: Susannah Cameron (Lewes Old Grammar School); Jacqueline Barker, Serena Haywood, Tamsin Jose, Victoria Thompson (Burgess Hill School for Girls).

Science report

Whisky feed for animals

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Novel ideas for converting waste products of the food and agriculture industries into sources of synthetic fibres, fine chemicals, fuel and substitute foodstuffs figured prominently in papers discussed yesterday at the start of the annual congress of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

All processes were at an advanced stage of development. Moreover, they were made possible because the waste residues come into the category referred to as biomass, which describes organic material that can be transformed into a useful state by a combination of established chemical technology and innovations in biotechnology.

However, one of the more unusual schemes outlined by Mr Robert Maclean, of Scottish Grain Distillers, will produce large quantities of animal feedstock shortly as a by-product of distilling whisky. A large distillery is being built at Port Dundas, Glasgow, for the purpose.

After the mash made from barley has been distilled, about 30 per cent of the original mixture of grain is left in the form of cellulose, lignin and other plant products.

More that 30 years ago some of this waste was dried and converted into animal food. The limited amount of animal feed obtained that way abruptly ended when the energy crisis struck in 1973 because one pound of steam was needed to evaporate one pound of water from the mash in the drying process.

Waste biomass from distilleries and other industries with similar residues is discarded through pipelines direct into the sea, or after dilution with water, through main drains or effluent treatment plants, according to the site of the factory.

Using conventional means, drying the material left over from distilling grain costs more than £4 a ton. The new plant will do it for 40p.

Although there have been advances in preparation of the mash, the savings which make the combined distilling of whisky and the production of feedstuff a practical proposition come from the introduction of a combined heat and power system to provide all the energy for the new plant. The CHP system based on a gas turbine will produce its own electricity from a steam-raising plant, costing £2.4 million, which sustains the fermentation and drying operations.

A network of more than 80 miles of 42 millimetre diameter stainless steel pipes will circulate the steam through the bed of waste, which is in a concentrated syrup, to evaporate the water.

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OBITUARY

LORD BROWN
Industrialist and former Labour Minister

Lord Brown, PC, MBE, who died on March 17 at the age of 76, was an experienced and innovative industrialist who served as Minister of State at the Board of Trade in the Harold Wilson Government, from 1965 to 1970. As chairman of The Glacier Metal Co Ltd from 1939 to 1965 he had initiated significant developments in management practice and factory management and from 1966 to 1981 he was the first Pro-Chancellor of Brunel University.

Wilfred Banks Brown was born on November 29 1908 and educated at Rossall School. He joined The Glacier Metal Co Ltd, then a small firm, in 1931 and became managing director eight years later.

He had himself already published (with Mrs W. Raphael) *Managers, Men and Morale* in 1947 and to help himself as he put it "to become clearer about the bases of my conduct as an executive" he sought the advice of social scientists.

From 1948 to 1950 a team from the Tavistock Institute, under the guidance of Elliott Jaques, worked in the firm. Their findings were made public in 1951 in *The Changing Culture of a Factory*, an original work, that was the first in a series of publications which marked the Glacier Metal Co as a significant centre of studies in the social sciences as applied to industry.

There followed Wilfred Brown's own *Exploration in Management (1960)* and *Piecework Abandoned (1962)*, besides other writings by Elliott Jaques and members of the original Project Team.

The firm spread its experience beyond its own walls and set up a training institution, GIM, which organised courses for senior managers from industry. This activity made an outstanding contribution to thinking about management and industrial organisation in Britain and overseas, particularly in the USA where the University of Illinois made him a Doctor of Laws.

He was interested in education at all levels and accepted an invitation from Acton Technical College to join its governing body as chairman. This was no sinecure at a time of change. Later when the Brunel College of Technology was established in 1957 he joined its governing body and became chairman after the College of Advanced Technology was created.

A committed socialist he had contested St George's Westminster for the Common Wealth Party in 1945. He remained active for Labour outside parliament and in 1964 he was invited by Harold Wilson to join the Government and after being created a Life Peer in 1964 he became a Minister of State at the Board of Trade with a brief to stimulate the United Kingdom's exports.

To this he devoted his energies during the remainder of the life of Harold Wilson's two administrations of the 1970s, attempting to bring all his own experience of the psychology of industry to bear in an "on the factory floor" approach to his task, with the aim of attempting to get British companies to see beyond their obsession with home markets.

Throughout these years in politics he was deeply involved in the planning of the new Brunel University to whose foundation and development his contribution cannot be overestimated. He became its first Pro-Chancellor in 1966 and received the Hon degree of DTech.

Later books included *Organization* (1971) and *The Earnings Conflict* (1973). He had been appointed MBE in 1944.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie and three sons.

MR C. SUNTHARALINGAM

Mr Chellapah Suntharalingam, who died on February 11 at the age of 89, was Minister of Commerce and Trade in Sri Lanka's (then Ceylon's) first Parliament after independence and thereafter became one of the most outspoken of the Tamil Resistance Front's members of the Ceylon House of Representatives.

Prior to taking up politics in the 1940s he had been Professor of Mathematics at the Ceylon University College and was recognized both as a brilliant scholar and an astute, as well as passionately committed political mind.

Born in 1895 he was educated at St John's College, Colombo before going to London University where he took a first in maths. In 1918 he went to Balliol College Oxford were he took another first in maths as well as playing chess for the university.

He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1920 but returned home to take up a Ceylon Civil Service post. He soon became bored with "signing gun licences" as he put it, and resigned to be first vice-principal of Ananda College, Colombo, and then in 1922 Professor of Mathematics at Ceylon University College.

This chair he occupied with great distinction as both teacher and scholar until his retirement in 1940 to take part in the political activity which was under way in the years before independence.

His personality made him many friends in both Sinhalese and Tamil camps in the independence movements of the last few years of the colonial era and after independence he accepted the portfolio of Commerce and Trade in the new Ceylon of which his brother, Justice Nagalingam was the first Ceylonese Governor General.

However he was dismissed from the Cabinet for opposing the Government on the Indian and Pakistani Residents Bill in 1948 and in 1950 resigned his seat in protest against the adoption of the Sinhala, national flag. He did however return to Parliament.

The "Sinhala only" language act and the other measures which he saw as militating against Tamil culture, further alienated him from the mainstream of politics and on one occasion he was carried bodily from Parliament in his chair for defying the authority of the House.

He later founded the movement for an independent Tamil nation "Eylom" and became a historian, publishing several papers on Dravidian civilization in Sri Lanka.

Among his contentions as a historian was the assertion that Tamil kingdoms had already been present in the island during the times of the first Sinhala immigrants.

DR PIERRE PICARDA

Dr Pierre Picarda, who died on March 13 at the age of 87 was, until his retirement in 1967, the most distinguished French lawyer practising in this country.

An *avocat* of the Court of Appeal of Paris he was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1937. Except during the years of Second World War, when he joined the Free French Navy and became a Judge Advocate with the rank of Lieutenant Commander, he practised continually as an adviser and expert witness on French law.

His services were called upon by all the leading City firms of solicitors and he was Counsel to the French Embassy.

Picarda was born on August 7, 1897. He was a scholar at the Lycée Louis le Grand and it was while there that he spent a summer holiday in a Yorkshire vicarage and fell in love with England.

During the First World War he served with dashing distinction in the Chasseurs à pieds till he was wounded in September 1918. He was awarded the Légion d'Honneur, the Croix de Guerre and was twice mentioned in despatches.

After serving as Head of the Intelligence Bureau of the 122nd French Division in Turkey he was demobilised in early 1920.

In that year he joined the Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission as Secretary of the Legal Committee and legal examiner of German law. He practised as an international lawyer in Germany before coming to England in 1931.

A brilliant linguist who read Latin effortlessly, he spoke faultless English and German. This enabled him, he would say, to live in three worlds in the course of his life.

His prophecies of the threat of German militarism in the early 1930s did not detract from his interest and affection for German culture. He was the prime mover behind a 50th anniversary reunion between the Prussian Imperial Guard and his own Chassers to commemorate the Battle of Grivesne.

While a patriotic Frenchman he was nevertheless a great admirer of the Inns of Court system and would refuse to express a preference as between his love of England and France. He was a familiar figure in the Middle Temple at the Hardwicke Society and the Union Society and for many years had residential chambers in the Middle Temple.

MR KENNETH SHEPHEARD

Kenneth Shepheard, who made a notable contribution to television documentary, has died at the age of 54.

Educated at Oxford, he joined the BBC Science and Features Department in 1963.

His best known programmes included *Edward Gibbon: the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* and two with John Julius Norwich, *The Knights of Malta* and *Venice Preserved*.

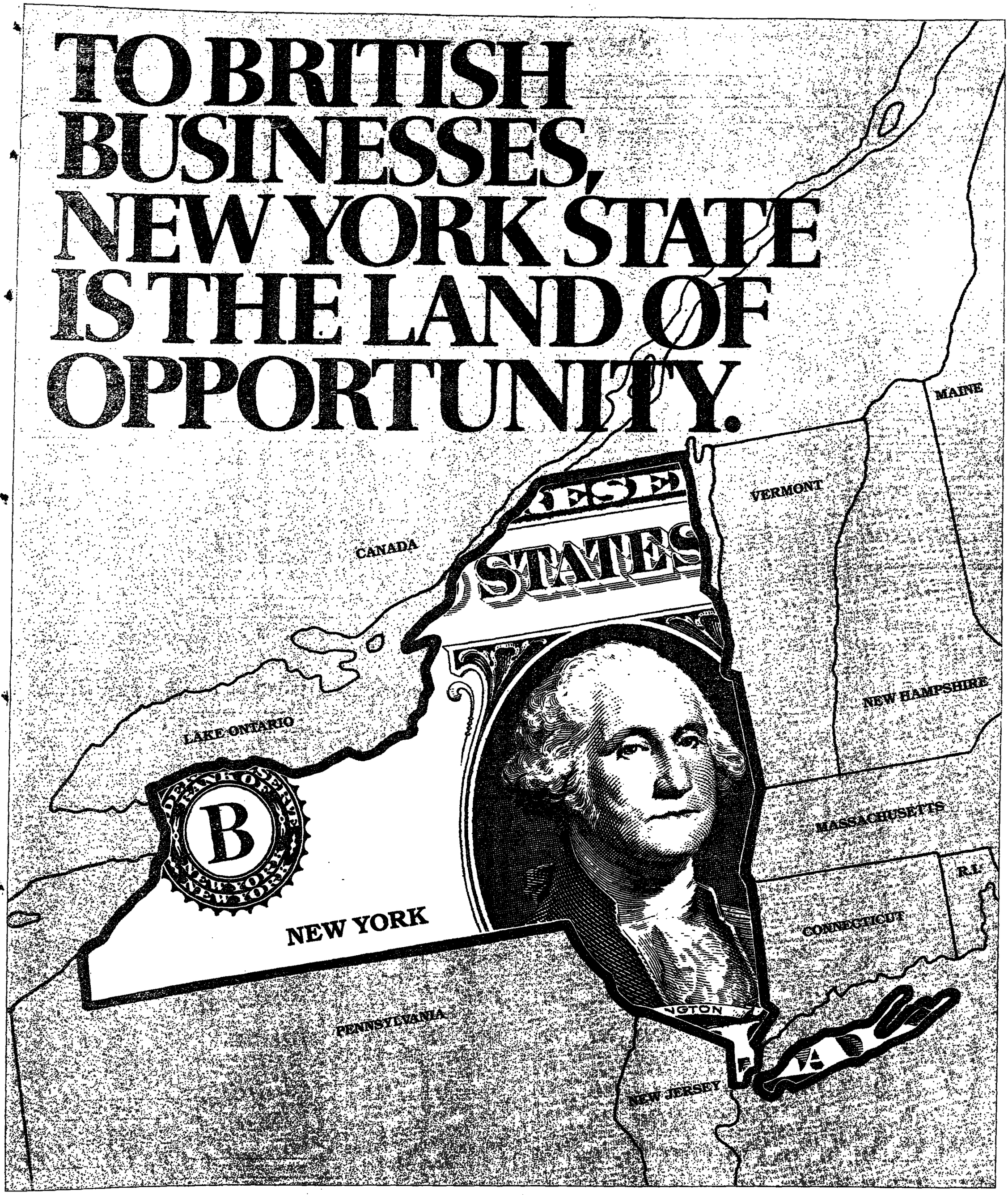
Since 1982 he had been an instructor in the BBC's television training department, pioneering a course for writers.

Mrs Patricia Roberts Harris, who died on March 23 at the age of 60, was United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development 1977-79, the first black woman to serve in the Cabinet, and Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare 1979-81.

Mr Eric Edgar Wookey, MC, who died on March 6 at the age of 93, was Senior Dental Surgeon and later Hon Consulting Dental Surgeon at the Royal Free Hospital. He was a founder member and former president of the British Society of Medical and Dental Hypnosis.

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97	27	Bailey(Bert) Constr	34				
		Beechwood					
154	115	Bellway	115		10.0	8.7	7.7
88	50	Bickerdyke	50		5.4	8.1	15.0
78	48½	Blue Circle	48		4.4	9.2	5.5
88	45	Bredero(Cloud Hill			5.2	11.9	8.3
281	182	Brickhouse Dudley	268		10.0	15.1	4.5
185	94	Br Dredging	178	+2	2.5	7.8	6.8
		Brown&Jackson					
253	235	Bryant	235		12.5	15.5	15.9
108	49½	Burnett & Hallam	49		4.3	15.9	9.5
28	20	Caledonian Robey	21		1.0	11.7	
48	27	Carr (J) Doncaster	27		1.0	7.4	8.7
		Cement-Roadstone					
88	66	Conder Ind	66		3.0	9.0	6.5
		Cosmos			7.7	8.0	21.0
		Countryside					
		Croudace(Derek)					
		Crouch Group					
		Dow (George)					
		Douglas (FJ)					
		Erith					
		Fairclough					
		Do 'A'					
		Finlay (John)					
		French Kier					
		Galliford					
		Gibbs & Dandy Ord					
		Gleeson (MJ)					
		HAT					
		Hallas Bar					
		Hawden-Stuart					
		Heywood Williams					
		Higgs & Hill					
		IDC					
		Ibstock Johnsen					
		Jarvis (J) & Sons					
		Laing (J)					
		Do 'A'					
		Lawrence (Walter)					
		Lilley (FJC)					
		Lovell (Y J)					
		Magnet & Southn					
		Menders					
		Marshalls (Halifax)					
		May & Hassell					
		McAlpine (Alfred)					
		Meyer Int					
		Miller (Stanley)					
		Monk (A)					
		Mowlem (John)					
		Newarthal					
		Nottingham Brick					
		Pearce (CH) Sons					
		Pinnock Timber					
		Pochins					
		RMC					
		Rectard					
		Roberts Adard					
		Rowlinson Secs					
		Ruberoid					
		Rugby Cement					
		Sabah					
		Sharpe & Fisher					
		Stuart (J)					
		Tarmac					
		Taylor Woodrow					
		Tilbury Group					
		Travis & Arnold					
		Trent					
		Tysons					
		UBM					
		Vibroplant					
		Ward					
		Do Dfd					
		Warrington (T)					
		Watts Blake					
		Western Bros					
		Wiggins					
		Wilson (Connolly)					
		Wimpey (George)					

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
		AKZO N/V Bearer			400	15.7	
		Allied Colloids			30.0	11.3	25.8
		Amersham			16.0	6.2	22.2
		Anchor Chemical			24.0	4.8	10.5
		Arrow Chemical			700	12.4	
		Bayer DM50			10.3		28.0
		Blagden			4.2	3.4	
		Brent Chems					
		Br Benzol					
		Br Tar Products					
		Canning (W)					
		Coalite					
		Coates Bros					
		Do 'A'					
		Cory (Horace)					
		Crode					
		Do Dfd					
		Ellis & Everard					
		Halstead (James)					
		Hickson					
		Imperial DM50					
		Inco Chem Ind					
		Laporte					
		Leigh					
		Lynton					
		Rimrott					
		SNIA BPD					
		Stewart Plastic					
		Wolverhampton Rink					
		Yorkshire Chem					

CINEMAS AND TV

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
195	128	Anglia TV 'A'	131		11.4	8.7	9.1
115	89	Grampian	102		8.6	7.1	8.5
168	109	HTV N/V	142		10.0	7.0	
168	109	LWT 'A'	142				
168	78	STV 'A'	146		11.0	8.6	9.5
97	34	TVS N/V	96		2.1	7.8	7.1
		TSW					

DRAPERY AND STORES

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
430	282	ASR	388		10.4	2.9	7.8
298	211	Appleyards 'A'			4.6	2.5	14.5
474	150	Bejam Stores			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Brown (N)			8.3	2.5	14.5
		Burton			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Cater(W) &Sons			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Carter's 'A'			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Chilcot (S)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Church			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Colonial English			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Courts (Furn) 'A'			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Debenhams			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Dewhirst (J)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Dixons			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Dunn's			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Ellis & Goldstein			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Elys (Wimbledon)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Empire Stores			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Etam			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Exocotec Clothes			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Fine Art Dev			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Ford (Allerton)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Formmaster			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Foster Bros			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Freemans			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Geiger (AJ)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Gent SR			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Goldberg (A)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Goldsmiths Gp			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Grattan			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Greenfield Stocks			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Gus			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Do 'A'			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Habitat Mothercare			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Harris Queensway			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Helene Of London			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Hepworth (J)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Holt			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Home Charm			4.6	2.5	14.5
		House Of Fraser			4.6	2.5	14.5
		House Of Lerose			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Jones (Stores)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Ladies Pride			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Lee Cooper			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Liberty			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Lincroft Kilgour			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Marks & Spencer			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Marshall (Adam)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Mfi			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Mikiss Leisure			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Moss Bros			4.6	2.5	14.5
		NSS Newsagents			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Oliver (G)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Orkin Chem			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Peters Stores			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Prouty (Alfred)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Ratners (Jewellers)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Reydons			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Rodwell			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Read (Austin)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Do 'A'			4.6	2.5	14.5
		S & U Stores			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Sherratt (H)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Do 'A'			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Sears			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Selincourt			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Simpson (B) 'A'			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Smith (WH) 'A'			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Do 'B'			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Stanley (AG)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Stirkland			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Sumrie Clothes			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Superdrug Stores			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Tom-Cornelisse			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Time Products			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Vantona Viyella			4.6	2.5	14.5
		WW Group			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Ward White			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Waring & Gillow			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Wigfall (Henry)			4.6	2.5	14.5
		Woolworth			4.6	2.5	14.5

BREWERIES

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
180	138	Allied-Lyons	174		10.0	5.7	10.5
344	300	Bass	338		18.4	5.4	13.5
178	130	Bell (Arthur)	148		6.9	4.6	8.8
28	20	Bellhaven	24		1.4	5.8	10.8
88	70	Scottish	78		11.7	27	21.4
338	286	Brown (Matthew)	324		7.8	5.8	6.4
154	124	Cleveland (J A)	134		16.5	6.8	8.2
281	240	Dobbins	268		13.0	9.0	11.7
440	360	Fordham Burton	440		8.4	3.7	11.8
170	115	Grant Whitley	170		6.4	4.2	12.3
140	115	Greene King	132		8.2	6.7	11.2
278	227	Guinness (A)	268		21.5	8.0	11.5
84	63	Highland Dist	75		2.5	3.8	14.1
134	124	Invergordon Dist	128		8.2	4.3	11.5
138	128	Irish Dist	128		2.5	3.8	14.1
68	49	Marston Thompson	65		2.5	3.8	14.1
197	168	Matthew	188		6.6	6.6	9.7
248	208	SA Breweries	238				
140	72½	Scot & New	129½		14.4	5.6	11.5
32	22	Seagram	32½				
288	232	Vaux	288		9.2	4.6	10.1
137	137	Whitbread 'A'	193		8.2	4.3	10.4
		Do 'B'	193		8.2	4.3	10.4
138	138	Whitbread Inv	174		18.9	3.5	13.0
284	284	Wolverhampton & D	360		8.5	4.1	18.9
265	205	Young 'A'	210				

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
178	98	Allied Irish	100		9.0	9.0	
101	98	Ansbacher (Henry)	85		5.0p	7.7	39.2
353	243	Aus New Z	286		26.0	10.5	
19½	10½	Bankamerica	216		17.0p	7.4	
302	220	Bank Of Ireland	230				
7½	7½	Bank Laumi Israel	210½				
265	195	Bank Laumi UK	252		14.5	5.8	12.8
326	236	Bank Of Scotland	308		20.7	6.3	9.8
514	434	Barclays	508		37.1	6.5	7.8
445	360	Brown Shipley	395		12.1	3.1	18.4
508	408	Cater Allen	503		41.3	7.8	9.8
31	21½	Cattles	29½		2.1	7.3	9.7
397	287	Chase Manhattan	344½		26.4	8.2	
197	157	Citicorp	190½		20.8	5.5	12.2
78	45	Clive	67		5.1	7.7	15.0
131	92	Com Bank Wales	99		12.1	41.9	1.5
468	336	Commerzbank	344		8.0	2.1	
119	81½	Deutsche Bank	2117½		1200	10.2	

FINANCE AND LAND

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
334	288	Abingworth	306		18.0	5.8	
188	138	Aitken Hume	178		20.0	5.9	6.5
72	72	Montagnola	72		6.9	7.4	4.4
131		Barlow Higgs	117			9.9	19.5
		Berkeley Tech	151				
183	183	Cannon	183		14.3	8.6	
280		Cardiner	280		2.9	1.4	58.5
169	169	Centreway	169	+15	14.0	8.4	1.9
146		Hambro	146		9.5	6.5	7.9
109		Ivory & Sime	109		7.0	4.8	28.3
144		Matheson	144		7.5	4.8	48.4
156		Park Place	156				

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FOODS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
36	16	Alpine Drinks	19		2.6	13.5	
288	140	Apgill	276		7.6	2.8	17.1
184	178	AS Food	178		7.3	3.5	19.8
417	178	Assoc Dairies	398		14.5	3.6	16.5
286		Assoc Fisheries	286		14.5	5.1	10.5
225		Avana	225		12.1	6.1	9.0
178	178	Banks (Sidney C)	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
170		Barker & Dobson	170		10.7	6.3	6.9
280	280	Barr (AG)	280		14.5	5.2	9.5
170		Bassett Foods	170		9.4	5.5	8.5
178		Batleys Of Yorks	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
280		Bejam	280		7.1	2.5	23.3
212		Bibblefold Conf	212		11.5	5.4	10.2
178		Br Shredding (BVI)	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
178		Cadbury-Schweppe	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
178		Carrs Milling	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
212		Clifford's Dairies	212		11.5	5.4	10.2
178		Dee	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
212		Fisher (Albert)	212		11.5	5.4	10.2
178		Fitch Lovell	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
212		Glass Glover	212		11.5	5.4	10.2
280		Global Gp	280		14.5	5.2	9.5
178		Hazlewood Foods	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
384		Hillsdown	384		17.3	4.5	30.5
		Home Farm					
444		Iceland Frozen	444	+10			
178		Kwik Save	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
212		Lees (John J)	212		11.5	5.4	10.2
178		Lyvell (KP)	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
280		Low (Wm)	280		14.5	5.2	9.5
178		Matthews (Bernard)	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
384		Maycroft	384		17.3	4.5	30.5
178		Meat Trade Supp	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
212		Morrison (W)	212		11.5	5.4	10.2
178		Nabisco Brands	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
212		Needlers	212		11.5	5.4	10.2
178		Nichols (JR) (Vimto)	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
178		Normans	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
178		Ntrn Foods	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
178		Nurdin & Peacock	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
178		Park Foods	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
178		RHM	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
212		Rowntree Mac	212		11.5	5.4	10.2
280		Sainsbury (J)	280		14.5	5.2	9.5
178		Scorpotec	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
212		Tate & Lyle	212		11.5	5.4	10.2
178		Tesco	244		9.4	3.8	14.1
178		Tilbrook	178		9.4	5.3	12.1
212		Und Biscuits	212		11.5	5.4	10.2
178		Watson & Philip	178		9.4	5.3	12.1

INDUSTRIALS A–D

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
158		AAH	158		8.7p	5.5	16.5
288		AGB Research	288		16.1	5.6	24.5
158		ASH	158		8.6	5.4	12.7
158		AWW	158		8.6	5.4	7.8
105		Aaronson	105		7.9	7.5	6.2
158		Advest	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
105		Alexandria W'wear	105		7.9	7.5	6.2
158		Anderson Ind	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
105		Appleyard	105		7.9	7.5	6.2
158		Applications	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Applied Comp Tech	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Arenson	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
105		Armour	105		7.9	7.5	6.2
412		Ash & Lacey	412		14.5	4.1	14.5
158		Ashley	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
105		Assoc Br Eng	105		7.9	7.5	6.2
158		Assoc Heat	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Assoc Telecoms	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Aurora	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
105		Avon Ord Ord	105		7.9	7.5	6.2
158		Avon Rubber	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Ayrshire Metal	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		BBA	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		BET Dfd	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		BETEC	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		BOC	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		BTR	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Babcock	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bailey (NH)	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bairo (Wm)	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Barlow Rands	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Barro Ind	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Barticles	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bargyl	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Barlow Rand	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Barrow Hepburn	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Barron Thompson	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bartlett Clarke	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bastion Cable	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bath	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Baxenden	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bayer	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Beecham Cosmetics	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Beeston	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bellairs	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bellairs Ord	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Berisford (SW)	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Berkeley	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bestobell	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Beswood	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bevan (DF)	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bibby (J)	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bibby	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bifold (J)	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bimold Dualcast	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Birmingham Mint	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Black (Peter)	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Blackwood Hodge	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Blundell-Perm	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bodycote	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Boosey McDonell	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Boots	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bostton (Wm)	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bowater Ins	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Brakhwaite Eng	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Brammer	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Brawny	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bregman	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bridgend Process	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bridon	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Brigham-Gundry	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Br Bldg & Eng Appl	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Br Steam	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Br Syphon	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Br Vita	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Broken Hill	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Brookgrove Cast	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Brooks Eng	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Brook St Bureau	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Brooke Tool	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Brown & Tawse	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Brown (John)	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Brunsons (Mus)	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Bullough	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Burgess	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Burns-Anderson	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Burnfield-Harvey	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Cambord Eng	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Can Wheel Pack	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Capard Ind	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Capo Ind	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Carlisle Eng	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Carlwright (F)	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Cataleon	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Central & Sheer	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Centraway Ind	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Chamberlain Ind	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Chamberlain & Hall	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Chantrey	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Charles Tyler	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Charlotte St	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Chivity Hunt	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Christ (Clement)	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Clayton Dbn	158		8.6	5.4	11.2
158		Coburn (A)	158		8.6	5.4	11.2

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1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
238	111	Combined Tech	238		6.9	7.9	12.3
147	47	Concentric	118		2.5	5.1	16.9
185	185	Consolls	185		10.0	5.4	7.4
185	185	Cove Stationery	185		10.0	5.4	5.1
185	185	Cook (Wm)	185		10.4	5.6	22.0
185	185	Cookson	185		10.4	5.6	14.8
185	185	Cope Allman	185		10.4	5.6	6.9
185	185	Copson (F)	185		1.1	1.9	24.6
185	185	Cossell	185		10.7	5.8	11.0
185	185	Courtney Pope	185		10.4	5.6	16.0
185	185	Cowan De Groot	185		10.4	5.6	8.6
185	185	Crest Nicholson	185		10.4	5.6	14.8
185	185	Crown House	185				
185	185	Cummins 3½%	185		10.4	5.6	38.5
185	185	DFS	185		10.4	5.6	11.8
185	185	Dalgety	185				
185	185	Dana	185		10.4	5.6	11.8
185	185	Davies Gowerton	185		10.4	5.6	11.8
185	185	Davies & Met 'A'	185		10.4	5.6	11.8
185	185	Davies & Newman	185		10.4	5.6	11.8
185	185	Davy	185		10.4	5.6	11.8
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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

NatWest aims to be one of Europe's big five

While other budding investment banks are worrying about where they will find the capital to compete with Merrill Lynch and Nomura in the brave new securities world, County Bank faces an embarrassment of riches. Its parent, National Westminster, appears eager to invest more capital than County Bank is initially confident of earning a reasonable return on. But if roles are unusually reversed, with the merchant bankers for once restraining the clearing bankers, there is no doubting the long-term ambitions of both in the securities market.

The brief of Charles Villiers, chairman of County Bank, who yesterday unveiled a £2.9 million rise in pretax profits to £14.1 million, is to develop an investment bank which will eventually contribute a substantial share of group profits. He will not say what this means, but it is probably something approaching 10 per cent.

Although County Bank is deliberately buying medium-sized firms, for instance, the brokers Fielding, Newson-Smith and the jobbers Bisgood Bishop, its ambitions are not of medium-size. Through County Bank, NatWest wants to be one of the top five investment banks in Europe, dealing in domestic and international equities and government stocks.

"Don't hold me to these figures", Mr Villiers said yesterday, but he expects the merchant bank's capital in the initial stages to be at least doubled to £150 million, maybe £200 million to accommodate the drive into the securities business. Staff of about 1,000 (including the two Stock Exchange firms) could rise by about 50 per cent over the next five years. At some point County Bank may look for an acquisition in the United States, although not until the barriers between commercial and investment banking have crumbled further.

Who are the competitors to look out for? Is it Barclays de Zoete Wedd? Mercury International Group? Or perhaps Morgan Grenfell's grouping? Mr Villiers does not think so. "Citicorp, I think is the most dangerous competitor."

NatWest, meanwhile, yesterday became the first bank to raise loan capital under the tough new rules proposed last year by the Bank of England, although still not completed. In a deal managed by County Bank it is raising $400 million with an aggressively priced subordinated floating rate note due in 2005 and carrying interest at 3/16 per cent over six-month Libid (London inter-bank rate).

Novel features of the stock, which was well-received, and will be used to retire $150 million of more expensive loan capital, include the absence of cross-default and negative pledge clauses. Early repayment has also to be agreed by the Bank of England. Not long ago, clearing bankers were grumbling about such conditions. The fact that NatWest is now forging ahead suggests that it has not got much change out of the Bank, although there may be minor changes to the initial proposals.

Events overtaking the accountants

The Accounting Standards Committee meets this morning for another of its all-too-frequent and embarrassing get-together where members are told, yet again, that their proposals for an inflation accounting standard have been rejected by the outside world. Substantial revision will be needed to make the proposals, set out in Exposure Draft 35, palatable to those in commerce, industry and accountancy firms who have argued that ED 35 is too inflexible.

It is the ASC's credit that it is not prepared to ride roughshod over others' feelings – an attitude borne not just out of a desire to produce a technically sound standard, which so far the ASC has failed to do, but out of the recognition that wothout general acceptance any standard would be doomed. It is no longer enough for the ASC to set a standard and for compliance by companies to follow automatically.

Lack of confidence in the ASC's ability to produce relevant and practical accounting standards is largely the result of the accountancy profession's inablility to come to terms with inflation accounting. However, it does raise the question whether accounting standards now need statutory backing.

Professor Michael Bromwich, Reading University's professor of finance and accounting, believes that the only way to achieve a strong ASC is to give legal support to all its standards. The prospect of government intervention has always scared the accountancy profession, fearful of an end to their beloved self-regulation. However, Professor Bromwich, speaking yesterday at the Armitage & Norton lecture at Huddersfield Polytechnic, pointed out that government ministers would not have to take responsibility for standard setting or make detaile changes to standards formulated by the ASC. Rather, an independent review body, reflecting the interests of the business community, would be set up to ensure that quality was being maintained.

The accountancy profession would not have to surrender its rights in standard setting. The technical quality should improve and accounting standards could at last be given teeth. The profession may not like the idea of intervention but, without a satisfactory conclusion the inflation accounting saga, events may overtake it.

Sir Freddie steps down at Croda

Yesterday was both a sad and a happy day for Croda International, the group which operates at the messy end of the chemicals industry. The executive chairman, Sir Freddie Wood, handed over the reins of the group which he helped to create to Mike Cannon. Sir Freddie will remain as non-executive chairman, while Mr Cannon will be chief executive.

Sir Freddie is one of the few surviving financial whizz-kids of the sixties. He built Croda through the classic wheeling and dealing techniques of the times, using debt and highly rated paper to acquire asset-rich but moribund companies in a series of hotly contested bids. He was a pioneer of the deep discount right issue. Other, more fancied, names fell by the wayside during the early seventies, but Croda survived intact.

Yesterday, the group reported pre-tax profits of £20 million, on sales of £383 million, and on unchanged 7p. Total dividends sales in 1964 were £2.5 million and profits £237,000.

Unfortunately Sir Freddie has been unwell for some years, and Croda's progress has lacked some of its earlier verve. Nevertheless it is a tribute to the solidity of the operation that even after yesterday's news, which sliced 8p off the share price, the shares of 134p still command a premium multiple.

Auditor-general condemns £3bn industrial subsidies

By Anthony Bevins and Sarah Hogg

Severe criticisms of government interest-rate subsidies to capital goods exporters, amounting to more than £3.1 billion over the past 10 years, were made yesterday by the Comptroller and Auditor-General.

Sir Gordon Downey said in a report that there had been insufficient effort to discover whether this expenditure on fixed-rate export finance had really been necessary. His report adds fuel to the dispute between the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry over subsidies to capital goods producers, who account for only 8 per cent of Britain's manufactured exports.

Sir Gordon's report says that the scheme has been "providing interest support for loans at fixed rates of interest advanced by commercial banks to finance UK exports of capital goods estimated to be worth some £44 billion."

However, he comments: "It is clearly unsatisfactory that expenditure of over £3.1 billion – substantially more at 1984 prices – should have been incurred over the past 10 years without any clear, quantified evidence emerging as to the extent to which it was required to secure overseas orders and as to the extent of any net overall national benefit to the UK economy."

The report comes after an examination of the scheme by the National Audit Office, which discovered there was no regular or systematic monitoring to establish what kinds of business benefited from the scheme.

Sir Gordon said: "The scheme illustrates the desirability of expenditure programmes having clear defined operational objectives capable of continuous measurement, though I recognize that in this case the task of defining objectives and measuring progress towards them pose some difficulty."



Sir Gordon Downey: "clearly unsatisfactory"

The cost-effectiveness of the scheme was queried by a special study carried out in 1982 by government economists under the chairmanship of Mr Ian Byatt of the Treasury, at a time when it was costing more than £500 million a year. But industry argued strongly that important contracts would be lost to other countries' subsidized capital goods exporters if it were abolished, and that it generated a "flywheel" effect: substantial follow-on orders and sub-contracts for other industries.

Substantial revisions to the so-called "consensus" between industrial countries have cut the cost of interest-rate subsidies since January last year. This blunted the Treasury's attack, and it has told Sir Gordon that it is unlikely that a further study of the cost-effectiveness of the scheme will be commissioned until the impact of these changes could be assessed (although the National Economic Development Office has undertaken to analyse what evidence there is).

But Sir Gordon comments: "The impetus to define more clearly the operational objectives of fixed-rate export finance, and to measure their achievement, would therefore seem to have been lost".

IN BRIEF

Bank credit 'concern'

The acceleration in the private sector's demand for bank credit is a "point of concern", according to the Governor of the Bank of England.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton told the annual dinner of the Finance Houses Association last night that this "complicates but does not undermine" the Bank's intention to provide financial conditions appropriate to non-inflationary growth.

Mr Ian Miller, chairman of the Finance Houses Association, said that new competition in the consumer credit market from building societies should only be permitted on a "fair and equal basis"

Reckitt rise

Reckitt & Colman, the household goods to foods group, has increased 1984 profits before tax to £106.4 million from £88.76 million. Turnover rose from £981 million to £1,124 million. A final dividend of 8.8p makes 14.3p for the year against 12.4p last time.

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Dividend up

Smith & Nephew is to pay a final dividend of 3.15p, making 4.55p (3.75p) for the year to end-December, after pretax profits rose from £44.6 million to £55.5 million. Sales grew from £314 million to £374 million.

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China, whose oil output is marginally less than Britain's at 2.3 million barrels a day, has said that it will cooperate with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in efforts to stabilize prices. China is still a net importer of oil, but needs the reserves under the South China Sea as a potential source of export earnings.

Home Charm up

Home Charm Group, the do-it-yourself retailer, increased pretax profits for 1984 to £10.8 million from £7 million. Turnover rose to £183.1 million from £136.4 million. A final dividend of 1.75p makes 2.75p for the year against 2p last time.

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Quotron listing

Quotron, the leading US supplier of electronic financial information services in terms of installed terminals, has applied for a London listing. It is already quoted on New York's Nasdaq or over-the-counter market.

Profits soar to £120m at BAe

By Jonathan Davis
Business Correspondent

The run-up to the Government's next big share sale began in earnest yesterday when British Aerospace reported a sharp jump in profits, together with a 50 per cent increase in its annual dividend.

The shares jumped 18p to 398p yesterday after the figures, which showed pretax profits up from £82.3 million to £120.2 million. The Government's remaining 48 per cent holding in British Aerospace is to be sold in early May, in an unusual joint issue which will also see the company raising up to £150 million of new equity from shareholders for its own account.

A "red herring" prospectus, similar to that employed in last November's British Telecom flotation, is to be sent out to City investment institutions next week, when the report and accounts are also due to appear. This will be followed by marketing campaigns aimed at the City and the public.

Yesterday's figures were well up to the market's expectations, despite a loss on BAe's space activities of £15.2 million at the trading level. Sir Austin Pearce, the chairman, said the company had completed a thorough review of its space business, and believed it has now made sufficient provision to prevent any further losses.

Military aircraft were again BAe's main profit-earner with trading profits of £114 million (up £10 million), followed by missiles and electronic systems, which made £104.9 million (up £24.6 million).

Civil aircraft made a small profit of £7.5 million, down from £13.6 million.

Imports and exports surge to records

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Imports and exports surged to record levels last month, leaving the current account in surplus by £131 million. The surplus was down on January's £341 million figure, but that was largely due to sharp movements on the oil account.

The oil surplus declined from January's record level of £928 million to £681 million last month. Visible trade as a whole was in deficit by £270 million, compared with £76 million in January, while the invisibles account was in surplus by £400 million.

The figures had little impact on the foreign exchange markets, which were again dominated by uncertainties over the dollar. A one-point decline in the US Federal Funds rate pushed the dollar down. The pound gained 1.1 cents to $1.1812, but was stable against most other currencies with the sterling index unchanged at 75.7.

The dollar fell back from a high of DM3.2455 in London to close at DM3.2090 against the mark.

Imports rose by £551 million to £7,167 million, beating the previous record of £7,080 million set in October. Oil imports rose by £139 million, while higher import prices also contributed to the record total.

Exports rose by £356 million to £6,897 million, beating the previous high of £6,541 million set in December. That was despite a £107 million drop in oil exports.

Export volume in December-February was up by 4.5 per cent on the previous three months and 8.5 per cent on a year earlier. Import volumes fell by 2.5 per cent but were still 11 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Overall, the current account was in surplus by £608 million in December-February, and visible trade in deficit by £689 million.

CURRENT ACCOUNT

	Current balance £m	Visible balance £m
1983	2543	−1185
1984	51	−4255
Q1	623	−57
Q2	−592	−1228
Q3	−621	−1642
Oct	201	−807
Nov	303	−177
Dec	136	−344
1985 Jan	341	−76
Feb	131	−76

Source: Department of Trade & Industry

Fleet says no to bid approach

By Cliff Feltham

Fleet Holdings, publishers of the *Daily Express* and *Sunday Express* and the Morgan-Grampian group of trade magazines, yesterday rebuffed the takeover approach from United Newspapers.

The terms of the rejection, however, were considered mild, prompting speculation that Fleet was leaving the door open for talks at a later stage.

The rejection came after the decision by United Newspapers, which has a 20 per cent shareholding in Fleet effectively to ask the Monopolies Commission to look into its plans for a merger.

Fleet's board yesterday said there had been no discussions concerning a merger "which, so far as Fleet is concerned in the absence of any details from United, appears to have no merit."

On the stock market Fleet shares hit a peak of 298p, up 13p on the day. United fell 12p to 301p.

One suggestion gaining ground yesterday was that Lord Matthews, the chairman of Fleet, may be tempted to launch a takeover bid himself, using Fleet shares.

Arthur Bell may buy newspaper

By Ian Griffiths

Arthur Bell & Sons, the whisky distillers, would be prepared to step in and buy the Scottish *Daily Record*, due to be floated later this year, to save it from falling into foreign hands. The *Daily Record* is owned by Mr Robert Maxwell's Mirror Group of Newspapers.

Mr Raymond Miquel, the Arthur Bell chairman, said: "If we can fit it into our group we would rather keep it Scottish. If we could do anything to help we would do so."

He pointed out that they had no real interest in running a newspaper but that the overriding consideration would be to retain what he considers to be a great Scottish tradition in local ownership.

Mr Robert Maxwell, MGN chairman, announced in January that the Scottish newspapers would be floated in an issue to raise about £40 million. Apart from the *Daily Record* the other Scottish paper which would be included in the deal is the *Sunday Mail*.

Yesterday, Arthur Bell announced interim pretax profits for the half-year to December 31 of £20.7 million, up from £19 million. Turnover rose from £147 million to £169.5 million. An interim dividend of 1.55p will be paid against 1.4p last time.

One of the problems which the company faces is declining whisky sales at home. It is looking for other sources of profit and last year, purchased the Gleneagles hotel group for £27 million.

£35m petrol loss takes gloss off Shell profits

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Mr John Raisman, chairman of Shell UK, who retires this week, yesterday unveiled increased profits from its North Sea oil and gas fields and, for the first time, losses at the petrol pumps.

Shell UK lost £35 million on its petrol refining and marketing operations and £1 million in its chemicals business compared with a £51 million loss last year. This took the gloss off after-tax profits of £589 million in the oil exploration and production divison.

Mr Raisman, who will be succeeded by Mr Bob Reid, said: "We are determined that oil marketing and refining and chemicals should stand on their own as viable businesses."

Profits on petrol sales were hit by crude oil costs rising as the dollar strengthened and by margins at refineries being hit by the necessity to produce heavy fuel oil for the power stations during the miners' strike

The exploration and production sector made an overall pretax profit of £2,420 million, £460 million more than in 1983.

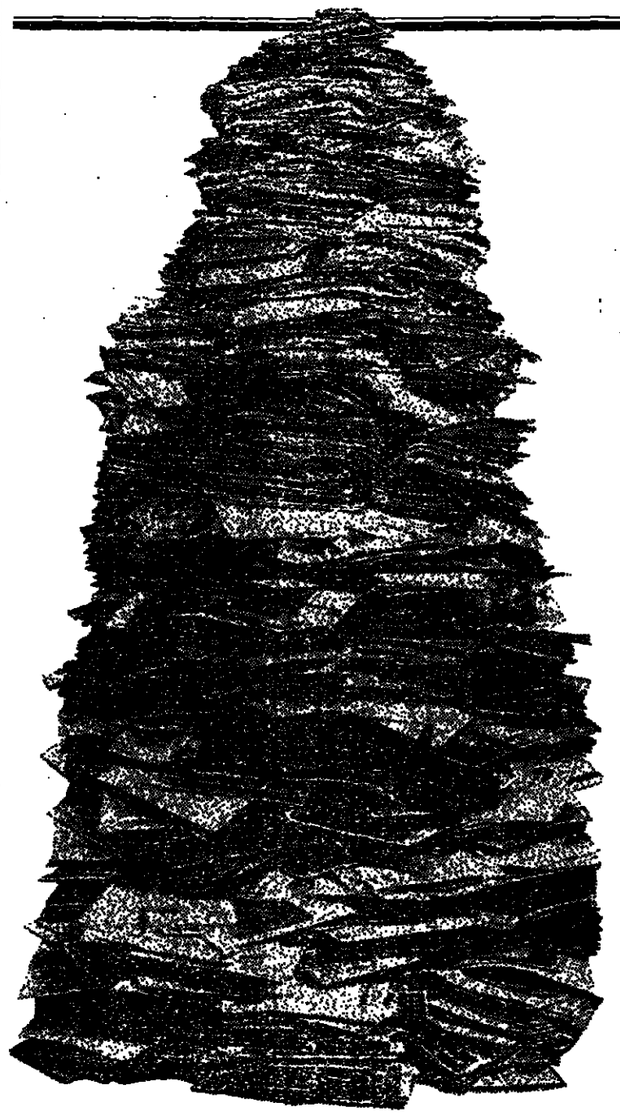
Norcros and UBM shares suspended

By Alison Eadie

The share prices of Norcros and UBM were suspended yesterday at the request of both companies pending an announcement expected today. UBM was suspended at 160p, after a 21p rise in two days, fuelling speculation that Norcros may renew its takeover attempts.

Norcros was suspended at 169p, its previous £75 million bid failed in October 1983 after a close contest in which it won 43.1 per cent acceptances. Norcros was left with a 36.5 per cent stake in UBM.

The circumstances of both companies have changed since then. Profits of UBM, the builders' merchants, have risen strongly with an interim gain of 50 per cent to £6.9 million pretax, whereas Norcros' interim profits showed only a marginal rise to £14.1 million. UBM's share price has also risen more than twice as fast as that of Norcros, making the company much more expensive to acquire today.



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STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	982.0(−7.9)
FT-A All Share	622.16(−3.28)
FT Govt Securities	80.78(−0.04)
FT-SE 100	1290.4(−7.4)
Bargains:	26,697
Datastream USM	114.17(+0.30)
New York	
Dow Jones	1258.94(−0.99)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,486.15(−7.11)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1344.13(−18.10)
Amsterdam:	208.9(−0.6)
Sydney: AO	821.2(+10.4)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1204.1(+1.9)
Brussels:	
General	271.06(−22.54)
Paris: CAC	209.4(−0.3)
Zurich:	
SKA General	343.00(−1.50)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $316.00pm-$323.75
close $323.75-$324.50
New York:
Comex $324.10

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Barbican	3.75p +0.75p
Stoddard Holdings	14p +2p
Adam Leisure	14p +2p
Raglan Property	8.5p +1p
Yelverton Investments	34p +4p
Berkeley & Hay Hill	10.75p +1p
Reardon Smith 'A'	11p +1p
Star Computer	45p +4p
Bolton Textile	23p +2p
Cifer	13p +1p
Burgess Products	162p +12p
Wolverhampton Laundry	41p +3p
Pentland Industries	538p +37p
Lyle Shipping	15p +1p
Aldcom Intl.	109p +7p
Canvermoor	78p +5p
John Foster	64p +4p
UBM Group	160p +10p

FALLS:

Pressac Holdings	98p −15p
Weeks Associates	15p −2p
W Canning	93p −14p
Brewmaker	36p −4p
SelecTV	11p −1p
Nova (Jersey) Knit	23p −2p
Arthur Bell & Sons	148p −10p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.1812 (+0.0110)
£: DM 3.7948 (+0.004.9)
£: SwFr 3.2148 (+0.0048)
£: FFr 11.5910 (+0.0015)
£: Yen 302.02 (+1.70)
£ Index: 75.7 (unchanged)
New York:
£: $1.1780
$: DM 3.2315
$ Index: 149.6 (+0.9)
ECU: 0.586302
SDR: 0.829414

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 13½%
3-month Interbank 13 1/16–13 3/16
3-month eligible bills 12 5/16–12 3/16% buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 10.5%
Federal Funds 8 1/16%
3-month Treasury Bills 8.35-8.31%
Long bond: yield 95 4/32–96

WALL STREET

	Mar 25	Mar 22
AMF Inc	16¾	18⅛
AMR	39	39⅝
Allied Corp	38⅛	36⅝
Allied Stores	56⅝	57½
Allis Chalmers	7	7
Alcoa	33¾	34⅝
Amax Inc	17¾	17⅝
Amerada Hess	30	30⅝
Am Brands	69⅝	68⅞
Am Broadcast	105¾	106⅜
Am Can	52⅛	52⅝
Am Cyanamid	51½	51⅞
Am Elec Power	21⅛	21
Am Express	41¼	42⅛
Am Home	60⅜	60⅝
Am Motors	3½	3¾
Am Nat Res	64⅜	64⅝
Am Standard	31¼	31⅝
Am Telephone	21⅛	21⅛
Armco Steel	9½	9¾
Asarco	25⅛	24⅞
Ashland Oil	30¼	30⅝
Atlntic Richfield	48⅜	48⅛
Avon Products	20⅜	20⅛
Bankers Tst NY	63½	63⅝
Bankamerica	18¾	18⅞
Bank of Boston	44	45⅛
Bank of NY	38⅝	37⅞
Beatrice Foods	28⅞	29
Bethlehem Steel	17	17
Boeing	60¾	62⅜
Boise Cascade	38⅛	38½
Borden	68⅛	68
Borg Warner	21½	21½
Bristol Myers	55⅛	55⅜
BP	25⅞	25⅝
Burlington Ind	27	27
Burlington Nthn	52⅛	51⅞
Burroughs	57⅞	58
Campbell Soup	71¼	70⅝
Canadian Pacific	41⅞	42
Caterpillar	30⅛	30
Celanese	69⅜	68⅛
Central Soya	22	22
Champion	21	21½
Chase Manhat	51⅛	52½
Chem Bank NY	37¾	37⅝
Chevron	34½	34½
Chrysler	34⅜	34½
Citicorp	42⅝	43½
Clark Equip	29¾	30
Coca Cola	66⅛	66⅝
Colgate	24½	24½
CBS	105½	108½
Columbia Gas	26⅞	27
Combustion Eng	34¾	34½
Comwlth Edison	29⅛	29
Cons Edison	31	30⅝
Cons Foods	37⅝	38
Cons Power	8⅛	8¼
Control Data	32	33
Corning Glass	35⅜	35½
CPC Intl	42⅝	43½
Crane	33⅞	34½
Crocker Int	25½	25½
Crown Zeller	40¼	42⅜
Dart & Kraft	91¾	91½
Deere	30⅝	31
Delta Air	45½	45⅝
Detroit Edison	15⅜	15⅝
Digital Equip	98	99⅝
Disney	79⅜	79⅛
Dow Chemical	28⅞	28½
Dresser Ind	20⅞	20½
Duke Power	31¾	31½
Du Pont	52¼	51⅝
Eastern Air	6	5⅞
Eastman Kodak	66⅜	67⅛
Eaton Corp	51⅞	52⅛
Emerson Elect	72⅝	73
Evans Prod	2¼	2⅛
Exxon Corp	50	49½
Fed Dept Stores	55	55⅜
Firestone	17⅞	18⅛
Fst Chicago	22⅛	22⅝
Fst Instst Bncp	46⅛	46¼
Fst Penn Corp	6⅞	7
Ford	42⅜	42⅝
GAF Corp	29¾	30⅛
GTE Corp	40⅝	40⅝
Gen Corp	39½	40⅛
Gen Dynamics	73¼	73
Gen Electric	61	61½
Gen Foods	61¼	61⅝
Gen Mills	57	56⅞
Gen Motors	74⅛	73⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	11⅜	11⅜
Genesco	5⅛	5⅛
Georgia Pacific	21⅜	22⅛
Gillette	57⅛	58⅛
Goodrich	29	29⅜
Goodyear	26⅛	26⅝
Gould Inc	23	23⅝
Grace	40⅜	40⅞
Gt Attic & Pacific	16⅛	16⅜
Greyhound	28	27⅞
Grumman Corp	28⅞	29⅜
Gulf & West	32⅝	32⅜
Gulf Oil Indiana	48½	48
Heinz H. J.	32⅝	32⅛
Hercules	59⅝	59⅜
Honeywell	31⅛	32
IC Inds	45½	46⅜
Ingersoll	23	23⅛
Inland Steel	12⅝	12⅞
IBM	124½	127⅞
Int Harvester	9½	9¾
INCO	13⅝	13⅝
Int Paper	48⅝	50
Int Tel Tel	34⅜	35⅛
Irving Bank	33¾	33⅝
Jim Walter	34	34½
Johnson & John	39⅝	39⅝
Kaiser Alumin	13⅝	14
Kerr McGee	31⅝	31
Kimberly Clark	48	48⅛
K Mart	33⅞	34½
Kroger	39⅝	40
LTV Corp	9⅞	10
Litton	66⅝	67
Lockheed	46⅝	47⅜
Lucky Stores	18⅞	18⅝
Manuf Hanover	37⅝	37⅞
Manville Cp	7⅞	7⅞
Mapco	30⅝	30⅝
Marine Midland	32	32⅛
Martin Marietta	50¼	50⅞
McDonnell	77⅞	77⅝
Medtd	35⅛	35⅝
Merck	102¾	103
Minnesota Mng	83⅛	84⅛
Mobil Oil	28	28⅝
Monsanto	42⅝	42⅝
Morgan J. P.	47⅞	47⅞
Motorola	32⅛	33⅛
NCR Corp	27⅛	27⅞
NL Industries	11⅛	11⅝
Nabisco	57⅝	57⅜
Nat Distillers	29⅛	29⅛
Nat Med Ent	27⅝	27⅞
Norfolk South	63	63⅞
NW Bancorp	25	24⅝
Occidental Pet	28⅛	28⅞
Ogden	30¾	30⅛
Olin Corp	30⅝	31⅜
Owens-Illinois	42⅛	42⅝
Pacific Gas Elec	17	17⅛
Pan Am	4⅜	4⅛
Penney J. C.	47⅛	47⅞
Pennzoil	47⅝	48⅛
Pepsico	51	51⅛
Pfizer	41⅜	42⅛
Phelps Dodge	18⅝	18⅝
Philip Morris	93	94
Phillips Petrol	38⅝	39⅛
Polaroid	29⅞	29
PPG Ind	37⅜	37⅛
Procter Gamble	55⅞	56⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	26⅝	26⅝
Raytheon	44⅛	45
RCA Corp	41¼	42⅛
Reynolds Ind	84⅛	84⅛
Reynolds Metal	34⅜	35⅝
Rockwell Int	35⅛	35⅞
Royal Dutch	53⅝	54⅛
Safeways	32⅝	33½
SPE Sopac	26⅝	27⅝
SCM	47⅝	47⅞
Schlumberger	38½	39⅝
Scott Paper	35⅛	35⅞
Seagram	39⅝	40⅛
Sears Roebuck	34½	34½
Shell Oil	58½	59⅛
Shell Trans	34⅛	34⅝
Signal Co	32⅛	33⅝
Singer	35⅛	35⅞
Smithkline Beck	60⅝	59⅝
Sperry Corp	17⅞	18
Std Cal Edison	24½	23⅞
Sperry Corp	50⅛	51⅞
Std Oil Indiana	62	62½
Std Oil Ohio	47¾	47⅜
Sterling Drug	32	33½
Stevens J. P.	17⅜	17
Sun Comp	48⅛	49½
Teledyne	252½	251½
Tennsco	42⅝	40⅝
Texaco	34½	34⅝
Texas East Corp	31½	31½
Texas Inst	109½	110⅝
Texas Utilities	26⅛	26⅝
Textron	41⅝	42
TWA	33½	34½
Travelers Corp	41⅞	41⅝
TRW Inc	75⅝	77⅛
UAL Inc	44⅝	44½
Union Carbide	37½	37⅞
Unocal	46⅝	48⅝
Un Pacific Corp	47¼	47
Uniroyal	15⅝	15½
United Brands	13½	13½
US Steel	27⅝	27¼
Utd Technol	40⅝	40
Wachovia	32½	33
Warner Lambert	38	37¾
Wells Fargo	53	53⅝
Westinghse Elec	29⅝	30⅛
Weyerhauser	27½	27⅝
Whirlpool	46½	45
Woolworth	40⅝	40⅝
Xerox Corp	42⅝	43
Zenith	21	21⅛

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	55½	55½
Alcan Alumin	37¾	37⅝
Algoma Steel	21½	21
Bell Telephone	39¼	39¼
Can Pacific	57⅜	57⅝
Cominco	14½	14⅝
Cons Bathurst	17⅝	17⅝
Gulf Oil	18	18¼
Hawker/Sid Can	21	20⅞
Hudson Bay Min	7½	7¼
Imasco	27⅝	27½
Imperial Oil	50⅜	58⅛
Int Pipe	37⅜	37⅜
Mass.-Fergsn	3.15	3.15
Royal Trustco	19¼	19½
Seagram	88	89⅛
Steel Co	20¾	20⅞
Thomson N 'A'	57½	57½
Walker Hiram	29⅝	28¾
WCT	15½	15

Early trade mixed

New York (Agencies) – Shares were mixed in moderate trading early yesterday. The New York Stock Exchange index was up 0.04 to 103.09 and the price of an average share was up .01 cent and declining issues led advancing shares 598 to 575 among the 1,673 issues crossing the tape at one stage.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 1.11 at 1,258.83.

Analysts attributed the stock market downturn to IBM's announcement late last week that its net income in the first quarter will be less than the £1.97 per share reported in the first quarter of 1984. It will be the first drop since the end of 1981.

After Monday night's close, blue-chip General Electric said it faced indictment for allegedly defrauding the Administration on aerospace contracts. The company denied any wrong doing.

General Electric is the fourth largest defence contractor in the US, and does about $4.5 billion business with the Pentagon each year.

Mr Ricky Harrington, of Interstate Securities in Charlotte, North Carolina, said the market was vulnerable to a further decline in the next few sessions. "From there, we might see it turn right around", he said.

General Electric was down ⅞ to 34⅝.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER

Apr	740–10
May	750–20
Jun	760–30
Jul	770–40
Aug	780–50
Sep	790–60
Oct	800–70
Nov	810–80
Dec	820–90
Apr	750–20
JS	780–90
O/D	810–90

Vol: Nil

COCOA

Mar	2016–14
May	2048–47
Jly	2073–11
Sep	1997–96
Dec	1819–16
Mar	1913–10
May	1910–07

Vol: 158/4113

GAS OIL

Mar	24200–4175
Apr	23275–3250
May	22950–2900
Jne	22650–2525
Jly	22500–2450
Aug	22925–2500
Sep	23200–2600
Oct	23500–2700
Nov	24000–2800

Vol: Nil

SUGAR

May	114.4–14.0
Aug	118.8–18.2
Oct	123.2–22.8
Dec	130.0–29.0
Mar	143.0–42.4
May	148.2–47.4
Aug	154.0–52.4

COFFEE

Mar	2251–49
May	2298–95
Jly	2340–37
Sep	2376–74
Nov	2395–92
Jan	2385–80
Mar	2345–40

Vol: 155/1933

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce
Radiolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	1200.0–1205.0
Three months	1218.0–1219.0
T/O	6250
Tone	Steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1202–1203.0
Three months	1218.0–1217.0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

TIN STANDARD

Cash	9605–9615
Three months	9625–9630
T/O	575
Tone	Easier

TIN HIGH-GRADE

Cash	9605–9615
Three months	9640–9645
T/O	80
Tone	Easier

LEAD

Cash	303.0–304.0
Three months	312.50–313.0
T/O	1850
Tone	Easier

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	782–783.0
Three months	755.0–756.0
T/O	2150
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	786.0–788.0
Three months	786.0–788.0
T/O	250
Tone	Quiet

SILVER LARGE

Cash	543.0–545.0
Three months	562.5–564.0
T/O	12
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	543.0–545.0
Three months	562.5–564.0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	923–924
Three months	954–956.0
T/O	2875
Tone	Steady

NICKEL

Cash	4430–4440
Three months	4480–4485
T/O	462
Tone	Irregular

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
London Gold Fuures were untraded.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 26:

GB: Cattle, 94.55p per kg iw (+0.54).
GB: Sheep, 218.68p per kg est d c w (+8.86).
GB: Pigs, 80.53p per kg iw (+1.78).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 5.1 per cent, ave. price, 93.75p (+0.58).
Sheep nos. up 3.0 per cent, ave. price, 219.47p (+9.22).
Pig nos. up 6.5 per cent, ave. price, 80.21p (+2.04).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 0.8 per cent, ave. price, 96.74p (+0.32).
Sheep nos. up 1.0 per cent, ave. price, 215.11p (+7.19).
Pig nos. down 16.5 per cent, ave. price, 83.58p (+0.47).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
May	£119.95	£117.05
Jul	£123.40	–
Sep	£98.55	£96.800
Nov	£101.75	£102.75
Jan	£105.35	£105.45

Standard Chartered beats forecasts

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Standard Chartered, the British-based international bank beat market estimates with an 8 per cent pretax profits gain to £290 million. But a sharp rise in the tax charge led to a fall in earnings per share from 77.1p to 64.4p. The year's dividends are being raised from 28p to 28.5p net.

For the first time in recent history, South Africa was not the biggest contributor to group earnings after tax and minorities. Although it turned in good results despite nearly doubled bad debt provisions, the weak rand contributed to a drop in the South African contribution from £40 million to just under £34 million.

By contrast North America which includes Union Bank in California moved ahead from £25 million to £34 million after tax.

Despite predicting a pronounced fall in group bad debt provisions in the second half, Standard Chartered's provisions stayed high, rising from £134 million in 1983 to £169 million. This included a near doubling of the general provision to £51 million.

Mr Michael McWilliam, group managing director, said specific provisions may fall this year but general ones would probably continue to rise

The rising dollar was responsible for about £3.1 billion of the £5.6 billion expansion in the balance sheet total to £34.5 billion last year.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Money was easier than it had been lately. Periods tended to a shade firmer in the longer dates in moderately active business.

Interbank money opened on 14½ to 13½ per cent, but eased during the morning to 14 to 13¾ per cent. It came down to around 5 per cent at one stage in the afternoon, but firmed to around 9 per cent for the close.

Interbank term deposits traded rather slowly. Sterling certificates of deposits saw some business associated with issuing by clearing banks in the ones and by some lesser names in the threes.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 13½
Finance House 12½

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 14 Low 5
Week fixed: 13⅝–13½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	13⅛	2 months	13
3 months	12¾	3 months	12⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	13⅝–13⅜	2 months	13⅜–13
3 months	12¾–12⅝	6 months	12⅛–11⅞

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	13⅝	2 months	13⅜
3 months	13⅜	6 months	12⅞

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 14-13¾, close 8

1 week	14⅛–14⅜	6 months	12⅝–12⅝
1 month	14⅛–14	9 months	12⅜–12⅛
3 months	13⅞–13⅝	12 months	12⅜–12⅛

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	14¼	7 days	14⅜
1 month	14	3 months	13⅞
6 months	12⅞	12 months	12⅝

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	14⅛–14⅜	2 months	14–13⅞
3 months	14–13⅞	6 months	13⅞–13⅝
9 months	13–12¾	12 months	12⅝–12¼

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month	14⅛–13⅞	3 months	13⅝–13¼
6 months	12⅝–12⅜	12 months	12⅜–12⅛

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8⅝–7¾
7 days	8⅞–8¼	1 month	8¼–8⅛
3 months	8⅛–8¼	6 months	9⅛–9⅛
Deutschmark		call	5¾–4½
7 days	5¾	1 month	5⅝–5⅜
3 months	6–5¾	6 months	6¼–6⅛
French Franc		call	11–10
7 days	10⅞–10⅝	1 month	10⅝–10⅜
3 months	11⅛–10⅝	6 months	11⅛–11⅛
Swiss Franc		call	1¾–1½
7 days	3¾–3½	1 month	3⅝–3½
3 months	3⅝–3½	6 months	3⅝–3½
Yen		call	6¼–5¾
7 days	7–6⅞	1 month	6⅝–6¼
3 months	6⅝–6⅛	6 months	6⅜–6⅛

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$333–335 (£230.50–232.25)
Sovereigns* (new):
$76–78 (£53.50–54.50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period 6 February 1985, to 5 March, 1985, inclusive: 13.883 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar lost ground on foreign exchange markets, as dealers remained cautious and uncertain as to its direction.

Although the focus remains on the American currency, they are awaiting further economic statistics from the US due later this week, to assess the longer term trend.

The dollar began the day firmly, but the afternoon saw some selling, both from the US and from commercial operators, and it closed lower against most currencies.

Speculation and fears about the US banking system also affected the markets.

The pound gained over a cent against the dollar to close at $1.1812.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 26	Market rates close March 26	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.1835–1.1835	$1.1805–1.1820	0.54–0.51c prem	1.25–1.21c prem
Montreal	$1.6150–1.6250	$1.6228–1.6294	0.43–0.42c prem	0.98–0.96c prem
Amsterdam	4.2654–4.2940fl	4.2781–4.2895fl	2¾–2½c prem	7–6¾c prem
Brussels	75.52–76.30f	76.20–76.30f	25–20c prem	58–56c prem
Copenhagen	13.5470–13.6720k	13.5474–13.5774k	3–1½ore prem	7¼–6¾ore prem
Dublin	1.2107–1.2180p	1.2114–1.2124p	12 prem–5p disc	24 prem–21p disc
Frankfurt	3.7764–3.8016m	3.7912–3.7984m	2¾–2¼pf prem	7¼–6¾pf prem
Lisbon	209.11–215.22e	211.31–215.12e	135–495e disc	475–1410e disc
Madrid	210.10–211.52p	210.72–211.22p	25–15p prem	15 prem–15p disc
Milan	2401.55–2420.55lr	2408.22–2419.55lr	par–3lr disc	7–11lr disc
Oslo	10.8527–10.8936k	10.8565–10.8621k	2–1ore prem	3½–3¾ore prem
Paris	11.5360–11.6090f	11.5748–11.5972f	3¾–3c prem	9¼–8¾c prem
Stockholm	10.8527–10.9118k	10.8724–10.8980k	¼ore prem–par	¼ prem–½ore disc
Tokyo	300.07–302.39y	301.74–302.30y	2¾–1¾y prem	5¾–5y prem
Vienna	26.55–26.75sch	26.61–26.71sch	17¾–16¾gro prem	44¾–41¾gro prem
Zurich	3.1979–3.2229t	3.2110–3.2186t	2¼–2¼c prem	6¼–5¾c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was unchanged at 75.7 (day's range 75.7–75.9).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	390.88–391.08
Australia dollar	1.685–1.6892
Bahrain dinar	0.4305–0.4435
Brazil cruzeiro*	6045.00–6072.93
Cyprus pound	0.76–0.77
Finland marka	784.50–788.50
Greece drachma	161.10–163.10
Hong Kong dollar	9.1940–9.2037
India rupee	14.85–15.15
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	.3540–3580
Malaysia dollar	3.0159–3.0221
Mexico peso	280–285
New Zealand dollar	2.5644–2.5889
Saudi Arabia riyal	422.60–426.60
Singapore dollar	2.6503–2.6562
South Africa rand	2.3296–2.3363
United Arab Emirates dirham	433.75–434.25

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9665–0.9685
Singapore	2.2470–2.2500
Malaysia	2.5570–2.5600
Australia	0.6995–0.7005
Canada	1.3760–1.3780
Sweden	9.2150–9.2250
Norway	9.2050–9.2150
Denmark	11.4875–11.4975
West Germany	3.2100–3.2120
Switzerland	2.7250–2.7290
Netherlands	3.8330–3.8360
France	9.8300–9.8500
Japan	56.00–256.15
Italy	2029.–2044
Belgium(Comm)	64.55–64.65
Hong Kong	7.7995–7.8010
Portugal	179–183
Spain	178.50–178.70
Austria	22.55–22.60

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 85	88.46	88 47	88.32	88.32	1420
Sep 85	88.94	89.05	88.90	88.87	169
Dec 85	88 96	89.05	88.92	88.92	26
Mar 86	NT			88.95	0
Jun 86	NT			88.85	0
Previous day's total open interest 5541					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 85	89 81	89 89	89 81	89.88	3977
Sep 85	89.20	89 27	89.19	89.24	509
Dec 85	88.80	88 84	88.77	88.83	134
Mar 86	88.53	88.53	88.53	88 85	2
Jun 86	NT			88 32	0
Previous day's total open interest 15493					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 85	68-19	68-28	68-19	68-25	1453
Sep 85	67-31	67-31	67-31	67-30	20
Previous day's total open interest 2836					
Long Gilt					
Mar 85	105-14	105-16	105-14	105-15	52
Jun 85	105-26	105-29	105-22	105-28	909
Sep 85	109-22	109-22	109-22	109-25	2
Dec 85	NT			109-27	0
Mar 86	NT			109-16	0
Previous day's total open interest 3680					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 85	129.30	129.30	128.60	128.95	97
Jun 85	129.60	129 60	128.60	128.70	184
Sep 85	NT			129.20	0
Previous day's total open interest 1603					

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld %	P/E
180	119	Aberdeen	174	+1	7.5	4.3	..
101	56	Alba	98	+1	2.9	2.1	..
668	428	Alliance	648		24.8	3.8	..
95½	89½	Amer Trust	95		3.5	2.6	..
282	218	Ang Amer Sec	282	• –2	8.5	3.0	..
145	103	Ashdown	140		5.1	3.6	..
113	75	Atlantic Assets	110		0.7	0.6	..
102	87	Bankers	98	–1	3.5	3.6	..
194	130	Berry	182	–1	1.4	0.8	..
178	117	Border & Sthrn	168	–1	4.7	2.8	..
215	175	Br Amer Gen	195		3.7	3.5	..
215	142½	Br Assets	208	–1	6.75	4.9	..
98½	20½	Br Empire Sec	27½		1.3	4.7	..
373	261	British Inv	363		19.25	5.9	..
73	55	Brunner	72	–1	2.9	4.0	..
88	69	Charter Agency	85		3.15	3.6	..
565	416	Continental	565	• –2	25.75	3.9	..
178	125	Crescent Japan	166	• –2	1.1	0.7	..
305	275	Delta	305		..	..	..
185	130	Derby Inc	183		10.2	9.9	..
104	80	Do Cap	102		..	..	..
258	241	Drayton Cons	257		12.7	4.4	..
148	98	Drayton Far East	137	• +1	1.5	1.1	..
283	263	Drayton Japan	491	• +1	3.6	0.9	..
252	226	Drayton Premier	358	•	16.2	4.6	..
168	140	Dundee Lon	173	–1	5.7	3.7	..
155	148	Edin Amer Asset	208		1.3	0.6	..
117	111	Edinburgh	111	–1	3.7	3.3	..
219	210	Electric Gen	288		4.89	1.7	..
191	152	English Int	245		9.89	4.0	..
78	52	English Scot	73	• –1	1.8	2.5	..
97	89	English NY	97	• –1	3.5	3.3	..
97	89	F & C Alliance	93	–1	2.4	2.5	..
167	117	F&C Pacific	157	–1	5.09	3.8	..
213	182	Family	210	•	8.9	4.7	..
199	194	First Scot Amer	197	• –3	12.9	4.9	..
245	168	First Un Gen	188	•	8.7	4.9	..
350	342	Fleming American	350	•	15.6	4.4	..
135	125	Fleming Claver	135	•	12.4	4.9	..
226	180	Fleming Enterprise	226	•	11.1	4.4	..
226	226	Fleming Far East	226	• –2	2.9	1.6	..
117	117	Fleming Fledgling	117	•	3.5	3.3	..
380	380	Fleming Japan	380	•	4.3	0.8	..
116	90	Fleming Mercantile	113	•	4.3	3.8	..
134	92	Fleming Overseas	134	•	3.39	2.8	..
163	119½	Fleming Tech	154	•	2.1	2.0	..
215	215	Fleming Universal	215	•	9.8	2.1	..
121	94	For Col	121	•	3.6	2.7	..
121	88	GBC Capital	112		..	..	..
185	128	GT Japan	175	•	2.09	1.1	..
618	433	General Funds	618	•	13.6	2.2	..

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld %	P/E
281	184	General Cons	268	•	13.1	5.1	..
228	177	Glasgow Stock	228	–1	9.2	4.4	..
278	197	Globe	265		12.9	4.9	..
222	176	Greenfriar	218		2.3	1.1	..
173	157½	Gresham House	168		4.9	2.9	..
152	114	Hambros	141		5.4	3.8	..
264	187	Hill (P)	239		13.2	5.5	..
548	380	Invest-in Success	548		7.8	1.4	..
235	162	Inv Cap	232	• –2	5.29	2.3	..
2½	2½	Japan Assets	2½		0.1	4.1	..
264	215	Jardine Japan	264		6.4	2.1	..
191	130	Law Debenture	183		7.9	4.3	..
183	94	Lon Merchant Sec	71		2.5	3.5	..
97	63	Lon Trust	97		2.5	2.6	..
91	70	Marchwiel	91	–1	5.45	5.9	..
174	121	Monks	161	+1	3.45	2.1	..
118	98	Murray Income	114		6.44	5.6	..
98	86	Murray Growth	94	+1	3.0	3.1	..
134	98	Murray Ind	121	• +1	6.49	5.3	..
169	132	Murray Small	169		3.3	1.8	..
282	205	Murray Vacuum	282		3.3	2.2	..
208	158	New Amer	175	•	6.7	3.8	..
77	58	New Darien Ol	73	•	0.5	0.6	..
178	134	1928	175	•	6.7	3.8	..
43	34	Nwthrng Inc 85	38½		2.29	5.9	..
156	109	New Tokyo	151	•	2.7	1.8	..
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hanson takeover talk boosts Ranks

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Shares of **Hanson Trust**, the City's bidder for all seasons, were stuck at 211p yesterday, despite a glowing recommendation from Laing and Cruickshank, the broker.

L and C had conversations with top Hanson executives yesterday and has put out a strong "Buy" signal. Mr Nigel Utley, of the broker, describes the shares as very cheap.

He says that all the group's recent takeovers are performing well and expects the group to continue to grow by acquisitions. But he has no firm ideas which will be the next target. He said: "Hanson has files on virtually every suitable company there is".

Mr Utley is forecasting present year profits of £235 million against £169.1 million last year.

City men were wondering what Hanson was talking to the broking firm about, and began speculating on the next target.

Ranks Hovis McDougall was the name which sprang to many lips, with the suggestion that Hanson is trying to buy the 14.9 per cent stake in RHM held by S & W Berisford.

RHM shares quickly turned an early loss of 3p into a gain of 7p, up to 158p. But at Berisford, Mr Gordon Percival, a board member, said: "We do not comment on such stories. We are very comfortable with our stake".

But, when asked if that means Berisford will not sell its RHM holding, he added: "We are a trading company, so we could never say we will not sell. We would if the price were right".

Mr Percival also pointed out that his company would have to think carefully before selling such a sizeable holding to one buyer. Berisford has strong trading links with RHM.

Nevertheless, Berisford could do with the cash, given its high debt ratio and a price at around the current level would be a good one.

Market men also came up with the suggestion that Berisford, in fact, is looking to place its RHM shares. Speculation of an imminent bid, therefore, would do no harm if a placing is on the way, and a sell-off of the holding would be timely. One analyst believes RHM shares should be sold anywhere above the 100p level.

The second day of the drawn-out Easter account was a lifeless affair with sellers getting the upper hand. The FT 30-share index closed 7.9 points down at 982.0 and the more broadly based FT SE share index was just a little better-off, 7.4 points at 1,290.4.

The market was deluged by a flood of company results and most of the action was connected with companies which made trading statements.

British Aerospace; Delta Group; W. Canning and **Bemrose** were among those to make progress.

Thorn EMI fell 15p to 407p at one time. The shares closed at 409p. They were unsettled by the sell recommendation from Wood Mackenzie, the broker, reported in *The Times* yesterday. Wood Mackenzie is worried about the performance of Thorn's Inmos offshoot, acquired from the Government for £95 million last year.

Yesterday Thorn said the semi-conductor industry was "going through a difficult period ... with lower sales volumes and reduced margins."

Inmos could introduce new premium products this year and expand its overseas licence operations in Japan and Korea. Thorn added: "Whilst small losses have been incurred in the current quarter, all internal forecasts continue to indicate a profit for the calendar year."

Coalite Group, which ends its financial year this month, was unchanged at 234p yesterday, despite kind words from de Zoete & Bevan, stockbroker to the company. De Zoete says there will be some progress for profits in 1£984-84, despite the effects of the miners' strike.

The broker sticks to its estimates of £34.5 million for the year about to end of £41 million for the year ahead, against £32.5 million for 1983-4. The shares are a "buy", it says.

Trading news in the chemicals and drugs sector brought a mixed range of responses. At **Smiths & Nephew**, full year results came out in line with market expectations, and the share price edged pennies higher to 234p. **Reckett & Colman** also produced annual profits which pleased the City, but the share price had anticipated the news and slipped 2p to 548p.

Elsewhere in the sector the news was less happy. **Brent Chemicals International** disappointed the market a little, even though the shares held steady at 125p alongside the results, while profits at W Canning came out below the lowest market estimate. The Canning share price, which had gained strongly before yesterday's results, sank 14p to 93p, have touched 91p at one stage.

Croda International also disappointed heavily, with its consumer products division doing nowhere near as well as analysts had predicted. Croda shares fell 8p to 134p.

Hickson International went against the downward trend, still celebrating its 1984 profits of £15 million. The group, involved in timber and building materials as well as chemicals, made £14.76 million in the previous 15-month period. The shares were up another 10p to 488p yesterday.

Government stocks shed £⅛ at the short end of the market. The trade figures had little impact.

Takeover situations created some excitement. **Fleet Holdings** jumped 13p to a new 298p peak following the rejection of **United Newspapers** moves to obtain control. UN fell 12p to 301p. **Octopus Publishing** rose 15p to 945p on the sale of its 15 Websters Bookshops to W. H. Smith and Son for £9 million.

Stores were weak, weighed down by the Treasury forecast of a lengthy period of high mortgage rates. **Waring and Gillow**, the stores group where a consortium led by Mr Cyril Spencer, the ex-Burton Group chief, wants to bid, fell 9p to 151p at one time. They closed at 155p.

Aidcom International, the design, market research and microtechnology group, rose firmly ahead of today's trading news. The shares were up 7p at 109p.

Analysts expected profits of around £1.6 million for the 14-month period covered in today's announcement; Aidcom has changed its year-end after its merger with S and O Consultants, of San Francisco, last year.

Turriff Corporation shares rose another 10p to 330p as Bajau, the investment vehicle of Mr Christopher Selmes, continues to build up its stake in the company. Mr Selmes now has shares and options giving control over 9.3 per cent of Turriff.

Avon Rubber shares took a sudden downward turn, dropping 18p to 295p. Jobbers reported only small parcels of selling, but a desire by sellers to offload their stock at almost any price. The shares have been trading at the top of their range in recent weeks.

Babcock International was suffering ahead of tomorrow's results. The price fell 7p to 145p as market men heard whispers of a rights issue on the way.

But one leading analyst suggested efforts were being made to weaken the shares, and discounted the idea. At the same time, however, few market men expect the annual profits to please the City. In the year to January 1984, Babcock made profits of £37.4 million and several stockbroking firms expect an outturn of less than £39 million this time.

Burgess Products, the electricals and engineering group, jumped 12p to 162p as the company revealed almost tripled interim profits of £601,000 on sales of £10.3 million. The dividend is 0.5p, with a 2p total promised for the full year. Analysts are now looking for annual profits of around £1.2 million at Burgess.

Profit taking clipped **Spring Ram Corporation** 7p to 208p and **Cookage**, the engineering group, plunged 15p to 38p in its disclosure of further losses.

Berkley Group, the up-market house builders, fell 6p to 164p on its £3 million cash call and **JSD Computers** came in for a speculative run, gaining 10p to 60p.

Ahead of figures today, **BAT Industries** slipped 8p to 35p. The market expects about £1,300 million for last year against £979 million last time.

Northern Engineering Industries slipped 4½p to 80p on worries over its Oindian contracts.

Kunick Leisure shareholders meet on Friday to vote on the proposed £2.5 million placing of 7 million 10p shares at 36p each with institutional investors. Part of the cash would be used to finance the £750,000 water theme park planned for Wandsworth, south London, as well as further projects, another in London in London, one on the South coast and one in Lancashire.

The shares, traded under the special dealing rule, are around 48p. A full or USM listing is expected this year.

USM dealings start on Monday in the shares of Associated Steel Distributors. Hambros Bank yesterday placed 12 per cent of the capital at 155p. The resultant £1.2 million will go into ASD, a spin-off from CCC, an international trading group owned by the Oppenheimer family and an American group. At 155p ASD is selling at 6.7 times earnings. Profits last year were £1.9 million.

An old takeover favourite Tilbury Group, the civil engineer, is thought to be in Tarmac's bid sights. The shares are riding near their peak at 130p. The company, based at Horsham, Sussex, is expected to produce profits of £3.3 million (£2.9 million) for last year.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
BTS Group 10p Ord (82pa)	78+2
Bedford (Wm) So Ord (a')	186–2
Bluebird Toys 10p Ord (90a)	138
Cons Tern Inv 20p Ord (105a)	85
Crown Int Prod 10p Ord (60a)	85–5
Cullen's Hldgs 10p Ord	122
German Smaller Co's Inv Units	100–7
Hillsdown Hldgs 10p Ord*	158–2
Mann & Co 20p Ord (145)	156
Mayhew Foods 10p Ord (100a)	121
Memcorn Int 10p Ord (a)	285
Osborne & Little 5p Ord (125a)	203
Pacific Assets Tst 50p Ord (100)	76+1
Pepe Group 10p Ord (100a)	99
Sims Catering Butch 5p Ord (128a)	155
Spafax Television 25p Ord (68a)	104+1
Synapse Comp Serv 5p Ord (174a)	215–5
Whitworth's Food 5p Ord (95a)	113

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities, * by tender.

Traded option highlights

Traded options business totalled 7,283 contracts yesterday, an improvement over Monday's subdued volume. Some two-thirds of the options dealt in were calls, but there was little in the way of notable features. Action revived in British Telecom, producing a total of 1,227 contracts traded, but other recent favourites looked neglected. Commercial Union saw just 785 contracts change hands, around half previous totals which had risen on the back of takeover rumours.

Following last week's expiry of certain March contracts, new ones have appeared this week, but Friday is the last day for the March Stock Exchange index contract, SEI, and prices of March 1075 to 1250 options were down by around 11p as the FT-SE 100 index, on which the contract is based, traded close to 1300.

TEMPUS

Potatoes blight Reckitt's great American dream

The dream of a great American operation is cherished by Reckitt & Colman. The reality is taking longer to materialise than the company had hoped. It is always tough to take on Procter & Gamble on its home ground. Reckitt has done well in its assault on the lavatory cleaning market but it hit an unexpected problem in the shape of a severe downturn in the fortunes of its US potato business. That linked with high marketing expenditure on the lavatory cleaning brands, pushed the North American operations from a small profit into a £3 million loss.

Reckitt has been caught out in potatoes once before and there is presumably a limit to how much longer it will be prepared to suffer the vagaries of the potato commodity market. The business generates turnover of around $100 million but do not to be surprised if Reckitt puts the business up for sale later this year.

A disposal would go a long way to solving immediate problems in the US. The marketing effort in lavatory cleaning products has probably reached a peak. Reckitt has secured a firm position in this lucrativemarket and should soon expand its activities more profitably.

The group as a whole made pretax profits of £106.4 million in 1984, up from £88.76 million. There was just ahint of disappointment in the market, particularly over earnings, although profits were ahead of the company's own recent forecast.

There is still some work to be done in rationalizing the food operations in Norwich, and Reckitt will also be spending heavily on improving the south African operations. The main task for 1985, however, will be to integrate and turn round the Airwick business which cost £165

Prospects for 1986 are encouraging. If the US operations and Airwick meet expectations it could be a bumper year. In the short term, the shares, down 2p at 548p, might not appear too exciting, but any weakness will provide long term buying opportunities.

Smith & Nephew

Smith & Nephew has been one of the City's great growth stocks, outperforming even last year's bull market by about 10 per cent. A weaker showing in the New Year is attributable possibly to the vendor placing of 23.2 million shares

Yesterday's figures are well up to market hopes, and the profit gain of a quarter pushed the shares up 2p to 234p. At this level, institutions who bought the stock in January are now showing a 4 per cent turn.

Smith & Nephew has been characteristically careful to give the City just a little bit more than it anticipated. The full year dividend, at 4.55p, is a little more generous than expected: the one-for-five scrip is welcome; and the balance sheet numbers look pleasing, despite the group's acquisition spree during 1984.

Against this background, analysts' hopes that once again the shares will start selling at a premium rating of 80 per cent to the market, compared with the present 50 per cent, may not be entirely groundless.

The key to the continued growth rating lies partly in the group's ability to keep squeezing expansion out of its existing range of businesses. Last year's performance augurs well. The medical and healthcare division, for example, showed a 22 per cent profits gain to £31 million.

The group is also moving into the US with commendable dexterity. The bald figures show a £3 million profits gain to £11 million, mainly generated by the plastics and tapes division.

Home Charm

Manny Fogel, chairman of Home Charm, continues to weave his own brand of magic in the DIY business. Yesterday he unveiled another solid achievement – pretax profits up from £7 million to £10.8 million – and he is justifiably confident about expansion.

Last year the company added 600,000 sq ft of space to its selling operations and an additional 1 million sq ft is expected this year to bring the total to about 3.5 million sq ft. It would be wrong to assume that the business is driven by selling space. Genuine volume gains of 13 per cent were made in the year and, more important, trading margins widened from 5.4 per cent to 6.2 per cent by astute changes in sales mix.

Home Charm is planning to almost double capital expenditure this year to £38 million as its expansion programme swings into operation. Funding should not prove a problem. The comapny had net cash of £7 million at the year-end and this combined with cash generation and some modest borrowings will provide the finance quite comfortably.

Longer-term expansion might be more tricky but on current form Home Charm could even get away with another rights issue.

The shares closed up 2p at 281p but with £15 million profits in store for the current year the shares look cheap.

IMI 1984 Results

Year ended 31 December 1983 £m		Year ended 31 December 1984 £m
676.3	Turnover	737.9
41.6	Trading Profit	52.6
4.7	Income from investments and interest received	6.1
(14.7)	Interest payable	(13.6)
31.6	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	45.1
(11.7)	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(15.4)
19.4	Profit applicable to shareholders of IMI plc before extraordinary items	28.9
(10.3)	Extraordinary loss after taxation	(3.1)
10.8	Dividends	12.1
7.2p	Earnings per share (excluding extraordinary items)	10.7p

Notes

1. Turnover and pre-tax profits were respectively 9% and 43% up on last year's figures. UK sales at £385 million were 2% higher (10% after taking disposals into account). Overseas sales amounted to 48% of total sales, with exports from the UK at £115 million up by 20% and sales by overseas companies at £239 million up by 17%.
The analysis of turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation by class of business is as follows:–

1983 Turnover £m	1983 Profit £m		1984 Turnover £m	1984 Profit £m
155	7.5	Building products	166	6.6
79	2.5	Heat exchange	75	4.4
98	9.8	Drinks dispense	118	13.0
62	4.9	Fluid power	79	9.3
36	4.1	Special-purpose valves	38	3.9
70	2.6	General engineering (and other activities)	79	6.5
243	2.6	Refined and wrought metals	249	4.5
743	34.0		804	48.2
–	(2.4)	Corporate finance and administration costs	–	(3.1)
(67)	–	Intra-group sales	(66)	–
676	31.6	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	738	45.1

2. Rationalisation and reorganisation costs of £3.4 million (1983: £5.1m) have been charged against profit on ordinary activities.
3. Provision has been made for the payment of a bonus of £1.3 million (1983: £0.8m) to employees participating in the IMI employees' profit-sharing scheme.
4. Extraordinary items consists of rationalisation and other costs of £1.7 million (after tax relief) and a provision for deferred tax relating to prior years amounting to £1.4 million.

Dividends
The Directors recommend a final dividend of 2.5p per Ordinary Share, payable on 24 May 1985 to shareholders on the Register at the close of business on 26 April 1985, which will absorb £6.7 million (1983: £6.7m). Together with the interim dividend of 2.0p per share paid on 22 October 1984, this makes a total of 4.5p per share (1983: 4.0p per share).

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS	1984 £m	1983 £m
Turnover	**1,096.9**	1,032.0
Profit before taxation	**36.8**	25.1
Earnings	**24.3**	15.1
	pence	pence
Earnings per share	**19.27**	12.08
Dividends per share	**9.00**	4.30

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Base Lending Rates

60% rise in Iceland figures

By Richard Thomson

Iceland Frozen Foods Holdings, which gained a full Stock Exchange listing last year, has produced a 60 per cent jump on pretax profits, from £1.8 million in 1983 to £2.9 million in 1984.

At the flotation the company forecast a profit of £2.8 million. Howevever, as it warned in the prospectus, no dividend will be paid.

Iceland's shares, issued at 210p when the offer was more than 150 per cent oversubscribed, reached 444p yesterday.

Iceland's sales rose by 40 per cent from £46.5 million to £65.2 million. Of this, 17 per cent was from the company's existing stores spread mainly through the north and west of England. But the opening of 16 new stores in 1984 contributed an additional 14 per cent to sales.

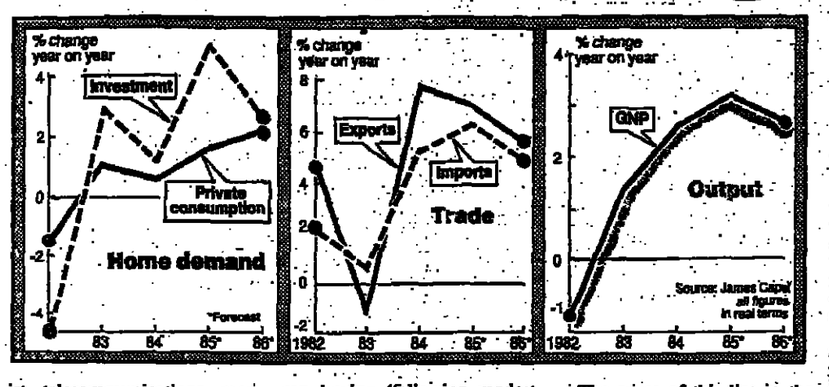
Three new stores have been opened in 1985.

The chairman, Mr Malcolm Walker, said that trading so far this year had been satisfactory. He expected that the year's results would exceed last year's.

Sluggishness at home is holding back recovery in the Federal Republic

German lesson in economic complacency

Germany's stable finances have helped its export industries to deliver what has been hailed as a new economic miracle, with lessons for Britain. But there are warning signs that complacency is clogging up the domestic economy. Could Germany catch the British disease? Graham Searjeant reports.



The West German privatization programme was not exactly dramatic.

As part of the Christian Democrat/Liberal coalition's plans to liberalize the economy, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the finance minister, had drawn up a plan to reduce government stakes in 11 businesses, including Lufthansa, without changing control in any case.

The expected proceeds from sales were about £500 million, barely a quarter's worth in terms of Britain's continuing privatization drive. Yet it was all too much for Germany's true conservatives. Late last week Herr Stoltenberg was obliged to trim the list to five.

In particular the Bavarian conservatives, under the legendary Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, had insisted on no change at Lufthansa, fearing a slippery slope that might soften the airline's dedication to buying European Airbus airlines, large sections of which are made in Bavaria.

At a time when the Bonn government is anxious to boost business confidence by promoting the idea that West Germany is undergoing a new economic miracle, such incidents give pause for thought.

The Lufthansa affair is not an isolated instance of the resistance to change. Herr Martin Bangemann, the ebullient market-oriented Economics Minister and new leader of the small Liberal Party, is keen to open up the Bundespost's protectionist telecommunications monopoly, partly to stimulate information technology, where Germany lags. The Bundespost is not merely cautious. It also relies on a magic circle of German suppliers: even launching cordless telephones with conditions effectively restricting supply to four German companies.

Herr Bangemann warned the Bundespost that it would be taken to Brussels but the post and telecommunications ministry has hit back by extending a study of possible deregulation of communications from one to two years and ruling out any discussion of change of ownership in advance.

Are the Germans just taking a cautious line to protect their self-interest, or is the new economic miracle less dynamic than it appears?

Certainly, the growth now being achieved by the German economy has an impressively classical quality about it. It is based firmly on exports, up 10 per cent last year, producing a record DM54 billion (£14 billion) trade surplus, which is expected to rise to more than £16 billion this year.

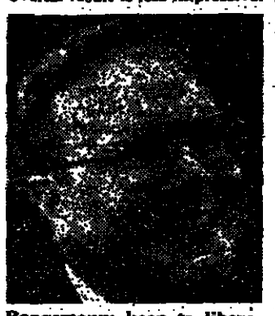
This is forecast to be supplemented by an upsurge in domestic investment, which has been slow coming but made an appearance in January orders.

Financially, this export-led growth is soundly based on a competitive industry. Budget deficits are falling. Money supply as usual looks well under control. Unit labour costs fell by more than 1 per cent last year, with wage rises at 3.6 per cent allowing an improvement in living standards because inflation is down 2 per cent. Company profits are marching ahead.

Even the stock market, rarely the most exciting feature of Germany's economy, is enjoying a boom. Stirred by American buying (following modest financial deregulation and withdrawal of withholding tax) and by a record number of company flotations, the Commerzbank Index reached its highest peak last week.

Unemployment reached a postwar peak at the turn of the year, still about 3 percentage points below Britain's, but it is forecast to fall by 100,000 this year. Mechanical engineering firms expect to take on an extra 30,000 this year giving some banking for government hopes. From this sound base, income tax cuts are planned.

All this seems enviable from a British standpoint. The overall result is less impressive.



Bangemann: keen to liberalize telecommunications

Germany managed growth of just 2.6 per cent last year, not much more than Britain managed despite the coal strike, and is likely to grow no faster than Britain – up to 3 per cent – this year even though Britain is in its fourth full year of recovery while Germany was barely turning round in 1982 and 1983, when Britain's output recovered by almost 6 per cent.

What is perhaps worse, few in Bonn suppose that the economy is presently capable of growing at a faster pace without an artificial government injection.

The cause of this lies in the sluggish nature of Germany's domestic economy. For instance, while export orders started 1985 9 per cent higher than a year before, domestic orders for manufacturing industry were 2.5 per cent lower. Does this mean that even modest growth of the German economy is vulnerable to a fall in the dollar or a downturn in the US economy.

Certainly, the United States has played far more of a locomotive role in Germany's recovery than in Britain's (if only because too many of our exporters have missed out on US demand).

Exports to the US were a third higher by the end of 1984 than 12 months earlier. But Germany's exporters are not just exploiting the expensive dollar. Their efforts within Europe have been impressive.

Sales to troubled Latin America are up a fifth from the trough. Sales to South-east Asia rose by 30 per cent through 1984, with German companies taking a much bigger share of trade with China than Britain could dream of before the fillip of Lord Young's recent mission.

The ability of German management in export and import-competing industries to adapt continuously to the market has many lessons for Britain. Traditional industries such as cars and machine tools have not been slow to innovate or make use of new electronic technology to improve their products. Others have had to adapt more drastically to take account of high German wages.

The textile industry has emerged in remarkable shape (although clinging to the protection of the Multi-Fibre Arrangement). The slimmer shipbuilding industry concentrates on specialized work. It is the export industries however, that are now beginning to boost investment orders from the traditional mechanical engineering industry, rebuilding jobs there.

Outside such traditional industrial powerhouses, the German economy is showing symptoms of sclerosis almost as advanced as they became in Britain.

There are signs that Germans too have begun to take their prosperity for granted. This shows itself in one form in the failure to leap into the information technology business even with the verve now shown in Britain.

Bonn has become so desperate to find new high technology growth points that Germany has joined both the American and the European manned space programmes. And some ministries even view President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars) chiefly as an opportunity for Germany to grab a share of the pioneering research.

At the most general level, Herr Bangemann now bemoans that a new generation of trade union leaders may have caught the British disease, treating partnership (Mitbestimmung) as a dirty word and preferring an atmoshpere of confrontation.

More specifically, the new German obsession with environment, however vital and overdue, when the forests are crumbling by the day, has presently cut the domestic demand for cars.

Bonn's economic ministries now see unemployment in a similar light to their counterparts in Whitehall: largely an intractable problem of structural change, inflexibility in the labour market and excessive social protection.

Herr Bangemann is as anxious to sweep away rigidities in the labour market and inflexible national agreements as he is to introduce more competition in the home market. He will no doubt meet equally stout resistance.

At least, Germany's reformers can reflect that, with sound export-led growth, negligible inflation, manufacturing productivity 60 per cent higher than ours and living standards more than a third higher, Germany can still afford a good deal more complacency than Britain.

Profits dip to £6.1m at Johnson Cleaners

By Alison Eadie

Johnson Group Cleaners' 1984 results are in line with forecasts made when the company was fighting off a bid from Nottingham Manufacturing. Pretax profits are £6.1 million against £6.3 million excluding an exchange gain of £555,000 made through converting £3 million of sterling debt into dollar debt.

The company is on course to meet its 1985 forecasts of taxable profits in the 52 weeks to June 29 of £7.1 million and American profits in the 52 weeks to December 29 of £2.2 million against £700,000 in 1984. US sales are running at an annual rate of $36 million against $29 million in 1984. Another US purchase in South Carolina for $1.5 million is expected to be announced in the next six weeks. Further US purchases are planned.

As a resul of criticism of Johnson's employee shareholding scheme, the company is planning to change it in the next year or so. At present about 1,100 employees control 15 per cent of the votes. Employee shares can onlybe transferred back to the trustees of the scheme at the 25p purchase price.

Lloyd's to face $60m claim

From Michael Graham
New York

Bank America Corporation said yesterday it had notified Lloyd's the London insurance market, that it intends to file an insurance claim for $60 million (£51 million) losses in loans to Paraguay.

The company said the losses were caused by the "misconduct" of a former employee, but it declined to name the employee, or to say whether it was pressing charges.

Bank America Corporation's Bank of America operates four branches in Paraguay, but the company did not say how much money was outstanding in loans there. Neither would it say whether the loans were made to private borrowers or to the Government.

Croda 1984 results

Unaudited	1984 £000	1983 £000
Turnover	383,485	341,128
Profit before taxation	20,046	17,574
Profit after taxation	11,511	9,961
Extraordinary items less taxation	2,989	2,330
Attributable profit	8,297	7,530
	pence	pence
Ordinary dividends (net)		
Proposed final dividend (payable 1 July 1985)	4.00	4.00
Making total for the year	7.00	7.00

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Results in brief	31 December 1984 £m	1983 (eight months) £m
Turnover	266.7	142.5
Pre-tax Profit	138.5	83.2
Taxation	(75.9)	(52.4)
Profit on Ordinary Activities after Taxation	62.6	30.8
Earnings per share	29.5p	14.5p
Dividends per share	8.0p	Nil

Dividend
Results have exceeded those forecast on the Offer for Sale last June. The Board is therefore recommending an increase of 1p per share in the final dividend, to 5p per share, bringing the total for the year to 8p.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Profits after taxation of £62.6 million compared with £47 million forecast last June.
- Production averaged 32,000 barrels a day, nearly one third more than in 1983.
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The new Interest Rates will take effect:

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Clerical Medical

Life Assurance

Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that the 161st Annual General Meeting of the Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society will be held at the Principal Office of the Society, 15 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4LQ, on Wednesday 24 April 1985 at 2.30 pm for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 1984 and the Directors' and Auditors' Reports thereon.
2. To re-elect Directors.
3. To re-appoint the Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
4. To approve an increase in the limits of remuneration payable to the Directors.
5. To transact any other ordinary business of an Annual General Meeting.

Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is also given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held at the same place and on the same date immediately following the conclusion or adjournment of the Annual General Meeting.

1. To receive a Report from the Directors declaring the results of the actuarial investigation made into the financial condition of the Society as at 31 December 1984, and the amount of the divisible profits in respect of that year.
2. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution to be proposed as a Special Resolution.

"That the Laws and Regulations of the Society ('the Regulations') be altered in the following manner:

Sub-Article (1) of Article 30 of the Regulations shall be altered to remove the requirement therein that two of the Directors be members of the medical profession by replacing it with the following Sub-Article:

(1) The number of the Directors shall not be more than eighteen nor less than eight."

Any member entitled to attend and vote at the Meetings may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him.

A proxy need not be a member of the Society.

Any instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the Principal Office of the Society not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meetings.

By order of the Board
A. G. O'Leary
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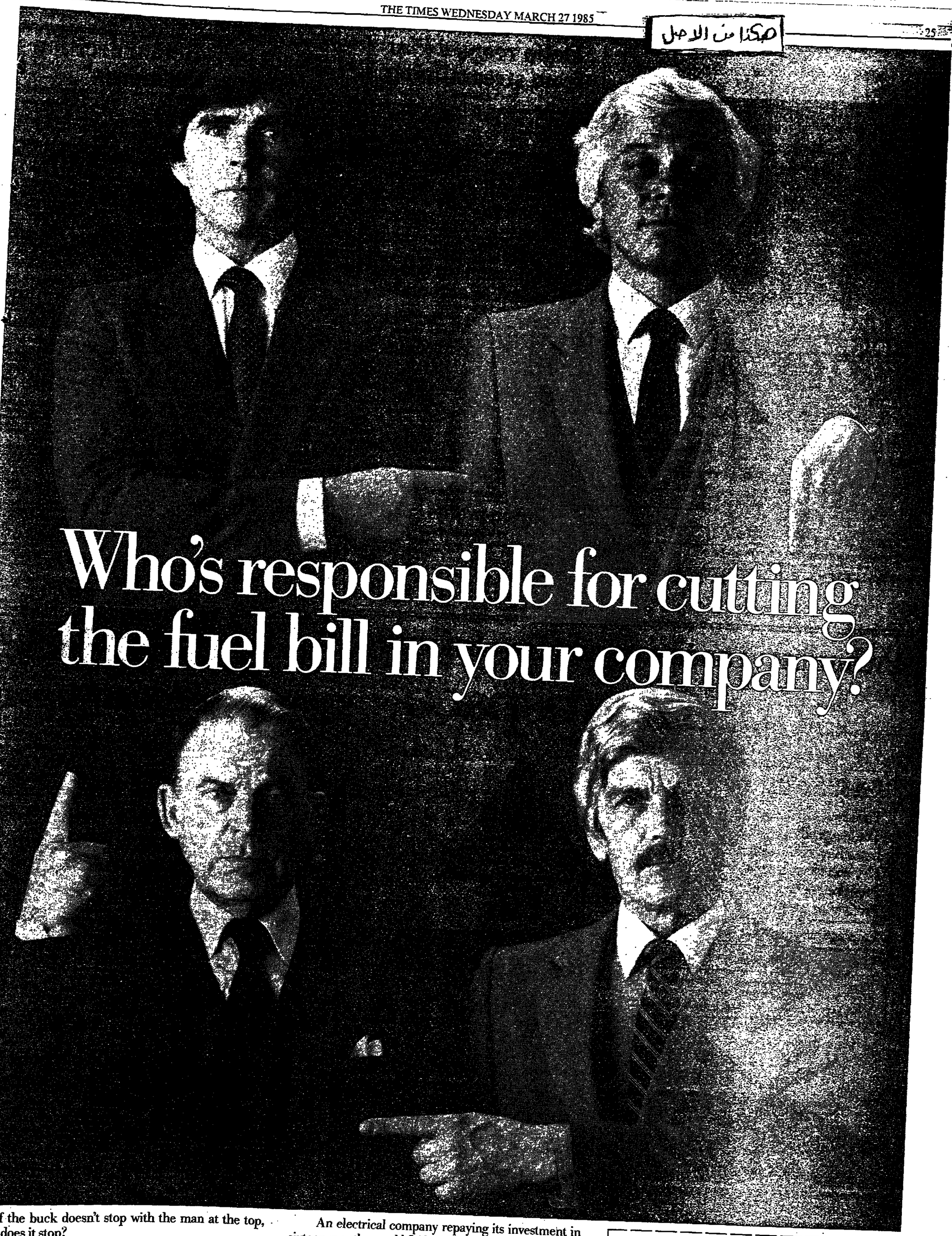
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	1984 £ million	1983 £ million
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	363.6	307.8
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Profit before taxation	290.3	268.1
Taxation	150.0	110.9
	140.3	157.2
Minority interests	40.2	43.5
Profit before extraordinary items	100.1	113.7
Extraordinary items	(26.7)	(24.3)
Profit attributable to members of the Company	73.4	89.4
Dividends: Interim	14.8	14.8
Final	29.5	28.7
Profit retained	29.1	45.9
Earnings per share	64.4p	77.1p

DIVIDEND: The Directors will recommend at the Annual General Meeting on the 8th May, 1985, a final dividend of 19.0 pence per share, making a total distribution for 1984 of 28.5 pence per share. The final dividend will be paid on the 17th May, 1985, to shareholders on the Register on the 25th April, 1985.

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CHANGING THE SHAPE OF OFFICE TELEPHONES

Delta reaps £45m from streamlining

By Cliff Feltham

Delta Group's streamlining at home and abroad over the last few years appears to be paying off in the form of record profits and a bumper payout for shareholders.

Pretax profits for the year to December showed a 44 per cent jump to a best ever £45.7 million. British profits were 28 per cent higher and, with the exception of France, all the group's main areas showed an improvement.

The dividend total is going up by 20 per cent to make a total of 4.5p.

In electrical equipment, the largest area of Delta's business, cables recovered strongly after the fierce price cutting of 1983. Price increases of between 5 and 7 per cent were being held.

The metals and industrial services also showed a significant improvement. The only area to show a fall was fluid controls, caused by heavy reorganization costs and depressed demand on gas controls.

Reorganization costs last year rose from £3.3 million to £4.5 million but are expected to fall quite sharply this year, reflecting the end of Delta's reconstruction.

Delta is keen on expansion but rejects the possibility of a rights issue. The group says it has made an encourageing start to 1985 and looks forward to further progress.

Special standard sought in insurance accounting

By Ian Griffiths

Insurance companies should improve their standards of accounting disclosure and exercise more prudence in the calculation of outstanding claims provisions, according to a report from a joint working party of accountants and actuaries.

The report from the London Young Chartered Accountants Group and the Institute of Actuaries Students Society calls for the introduction of a statement of recommended accounting practice for all insurance companies carrying out general business.

The working party highlighted several areas where disclosure in insurance companies' annual accounts could be improved. These include accounting policies, the level of discounting of claims reserves, reinsurance arrangements and transactions, deferred acquisition costs and provisions for unexpired risks and investment holdings and their value.

One of the main problems which face users of insurance company accounts is that the figures are heavily dependent on internal estimates.

Investors and other users are therefore interested not only in the position shown in the financial statements but also in knowing how the results would be affected if the ultimate outturn differs significantly from the estimates.

A statement of recommended practice would increase comparability between insurance companies' results

Garton profits surge

By Our Industrial Staff

The proud British tradition of boltmaking has been steadily unscrewed by a fall in manufacturing customers and cheap imports. Last year the miners' strike added to the problems.

Nevertheless, Garton Engineering, one of the leading boltmakers, increased pretax profits from £286,000 to £457,000. Sales went up from £10.7 million to £11.7 million.

But the company expects that further rationalization in the sector, coupled with a reduction in costs, will improve its profitability. Dividends total 3p against 2.5p.

Preliminary announcement of results for 1984

British Aerospace

PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

†Results for 1984	1984 £m	1983 £m
Turnover	2,468	2,300
Trading profit	166	112*
Launching costs written off	(51)	(43)
Net interest receivable	4	12
Profit before taxation	120	82
Profit after taxation	108	82
Earnings per share (net basis)	54.0p	41.1p
Dividends per share (net)	13.65p	9.10p

†Extract from preliminary announcement of results for 1984 based on audited accounts for the year to 31st December 1984.

**After charging £34m for redundancy and reorganisation costs in 1983.*

The world looks up to British Aerospace

Law Report March 27 1985

Foreign jurisdiction decision was 'on the merits'

DSV Silo- und Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH v Owners of Sennar and 13 other Ships

Before Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Diplock, Lord Roskill, Lord Bridge of Harwich and Lord Brandon of Oakbrook

[Speeches sold March 21]

A decision by the Dutch courts that they had no jurisdiction to entertain an action for damages based on a falsely dated bill of lading by reason of a clause in the bill of lading giving exclusive jurisdiction to the courts of the Sudan was a decision "on the merits" of the plaintiffs' claim giving rise to an issue estoppel barring the plaintiffs from bringing an action for damages in the English Admiralty Court.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the plaintiffs, Silo- und Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce, Lord Justice Kerr and Sir Denys Buckley) (*The Times* June 2, 1984; [1984] 2 Lloyd's Rep 142) who allowed an appeal by the defendants, the owners of the ship Sennar and 13 other ships, from Mr Justice Sheen ([1983] 2 Lloyd's Rep 399), who had dismissed an application by the defendants that the plaintiffs' action be stayed.

Mr Jonathan Mance, QC and Mr Jeremy Cooke for the plaintiffs; Mr Nicholas Phillips, QC and Mr Steven Gee for the defendants.

LORD DIPLOCK, agreeing with Lord Brandon, said that the case was a particularly blatant attempt at forum shopping. It was far too late, at this stage of the development of the doctrine, to question that issue estoppel could be created by the judgment of a foreign court if that court was recognized in English private international law as being a court of competent jurisdiction.

Issue estoppel operated regardless of whether or not an English court would regard the reasoning of the foreign judgment as open to criticism.

LORD BRANDON said that the plaintiffs, a German company, were the successors in title of another German company, GfG. In 1973, a string of three contracts had been made on Gafta forms containing Gafta arbitration clauses for the sale of 2,000 tonnes of groundnut expellers cif Rotterdam. All three contracts had provided that 1,000 tonnes should be shipped during July/August.

In purported performance of that part-shipment, the original sellers, Malik, a Sudanese company, had presented to the original buyers, Pagco, shipping documents including a bill of lading, and Pagco had taken up the documents and paid for them. Pagco had presented them to GfG, and GfG had presented them to an English company, European, who had likewise taken them up and paid for them.

The bill of lading had been expressed to be signed by the master of the Sennar, and the place and date of issue had been stated to be Port Sudan, August 30, 1973. It had contained clauses providing that the law of the Sudan should apply and (clause 27) that "all actions under this contract of carriage shall be brought before the court at Khartoum or Port Sudan and no other court shall have jurisdiction with regard to any such action . . .".

After the end of August 1973, the market price of Sudanese groundnut expellers had fallen sharply. It had become known to both European and GfG that, in spite of the date on the bill of lading, loading of the goods had not been completed until September 7, 1973.

In those circumstances, European had claimed, as against GfG, to reject the shipping documents and be repaid the price. GfG had claimed a like entitlement against Pagco, and Pagco against Malik. Those claims had gone to arbitration, which had concluded in the claimants' favour in each case.

GfG had complied with the award in favour of European by taking back the documents and repaying the price. They had then sought to recover against Pagco, but Pagco had by then become insolvent. Later, they had obtained possession of the goods and sold them to mitigate their loss.

They had begun an action for damages, against the shipowners in the District Court of Rotterdam, having founded jurisdiction there by arresting a sister ship of the Sennar, the El Gezira. The ground of their claim had been that the master of the Sennar had committed a tort by wrongly dating the bill of lading.

The District Court had dismissed their claim on the ground that they were bound by the terms of the bill of lading, including the exclusive jurisdiction clause; that in those circumstances they were not entitled to found their claim for damages on tort but could only found it on the contract in the bill of lading: since that contained clause 27, a Dutch court was bound to decline jurisdiction and dismiss the action. The District Court's judgment had been affirmed by the Dutch Court of Appeal.

By writ issued in 1980, the plaintiffs had begun the present action in the Admiralty Court, claiming an indemnity and/or damages for fraud and/or breach of duty and/or negligence.

The writ had been served on the Merawi, then in Liverpool, and she had been arrested there. The action had subsequently continued as an action *in personam* against the defendants.

The defendants had applied for an order that the action be stayed on the ground that the parties had, by the bill of lading, agreed that any action under it should be brought only before the Sudanese courts and that Sudanese law should apply.

Mr Justice Sheen had dismissed the application, holding that the plaintiffs' claim did not fall within clause 27 and that they were not estopped by the decision of the Dutch Court of Appeal from so asserting. The Court of Appeal had held that they were so estopped.

To create an issue estoppel *per rem judicatam* (see *Carl Zeiss Stiftung v Rayner & Keeler Ltd (No 2)* ([1967] 1 AC 853)), first, the judgment relied on must be of a court of competent jurisdiction, final, and on the merits. Second, the parties, or privies, must be the same. Third, the issue in the later action in which the estoppel was raised as a bar must be the same as that decided by the judgment in the earlier action.

The questions on the present appeal were whether the decision of the Dutch Court of Appeal had been on the merits and whether the issue had been the same.

The plaintiffs argued, first, that the judgment of the Dutch Court of Appeal had been procedural in nature in that it had consisted only of a decision that a Dutch court had no jurisdiction to entertain and adjudicate on the plaintiffs' claim and had not pronounced in any way on the question whether the claim itself, or any substantive issue in it, if it were to be entertained and adjudicated on, would succeed or fail.

That argument was based on a misconception with regard to the meaning of the expression "on the merits" as used in the context of the doctrine of issue estoppel.

Looking at the matter negatively, a decision on procedure alone was not a decision on the merits. Looking at the matter positively, a decision on the merits was a decision that established certain facts as proved or not in dispute, stated what were the relevant principles of law applicable to such facts and expressed a conclusion with regard to the effect of applying those principles to the factual situation concerned.

If the expression "on the merits" was interpreted in that way, as it should be, there could be no doubt that the decision of the Dutch Court of Appeal had been a decision on the merits.

Second, the plaintiffs argued that the issues in the Dutch Court of Appeal and the Admiralty Court had been entirely different: the issue in the Dutch Court of Appeal had been whether the plaintiffs' claim could be founded on tort as distinct from contract and, if not, whether the exclusive Sudanese jurisdiction clause in clause 27 applied to it. By contrast, the issue in the Admiralty Court had not been whether their claim could be founded in tort as distinct from contract: it had been indisputable, on general principles of English law, that it could; the issue had rather been whether, even if the claim was framed in tort, it would still come within the exclusive Sudanese jurisdiction clause.

There was no substance in that alleged difference. The issue in both courts had been one and the same, namely, whether, even though the plaintiffs' claim, based in either case on the same facts, was framed in tort rather than in contract, the exclusive jurisdiction clause applied to such claim.

The plaintiffs had relied on the fact that in *Carl Zeiss* several of their Lordships had indicated the need for caution in the application of the doctrine of issue estoppel, especially in cases where the estoppel relied on was sought to be founded on the judgment of a foreign court.

With regard to that, his Lordship would only say that the reasons given for the need for such caution did not apply in any way to the present case. In the result, this was a classic case of issue estoppel.

On the footing that the plaintiffs were estopped, it had been a matter for the Court of Appeal's discretion whether to grant or refuse the defendants' application for a stay. The House of Lords could interfere with their exercise of it only on strictly limited grounds.

The plaintiffs accepted that the guidelines for the exercise of discretion in cases of this kind laid down in *Anatra Potato Co Ltd v Egyptian Navigation Co (The El Amria)* ([1981] 2 Lloyd's Rep 119), were correct in law but complained that, in applying them, the Court of Appeal had disregarded, or given insufficient weight to a number of factors.

There were no merits in their complaints. The simple fact was that their claim against the defendants, while having connections with both Holland and the Sudan, had no connection whatever with England, save only that, because of the presence of a sister ship of the Sennar in an English port, they had been able to arrest her and found jurisdiction here.

In those circumstances, it was not a case where a careful and meticulous weighing of the factors for and against a stay of the action was necessary. Rather was it a case in which only a perverse exercise by a court of its discretion could have led it to refuse the defendants the stay for which they asked.

The plaintiffs had elected to have one good long bite at the cherry before the Dutch courts between 1975 and 1980. They had lost before those courts and there was no possible justification for allowing them to harass the defendants by taking a further long bite at the same cherry in the action that they had brought in the Admiralty Court. The appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Fraser, Lord Roskill and Lord Bridge agreed.

Solicitors: Sinclair Roche & Temperley; Holman, Fenwick & Willan.

If divorce valid so is remarriage

Lawrence v Lawrence

Before Lord Justice Ackner, Lord Justice Purchas and Sir David Cairns

[Judgment delivered March 19]

Recognition by English law of a decree of divorce in a foreign jurisdiction entailed recognition of a subsequent marriage in the same jurisdiction.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing the appeal of Mrs Helen Lawrence from Mr Justice Anthony Lincoln (*The Times* July 18, 1984) who granted Mr Norman Lawrence, of Godalming, Surrey, a declaration that his marriage in Nevada to Mrs Lawrence, of Recife, Brazil, was valid and refusing Mrs Lawrence a declaration that it was null and void.

Mr Robert Johnson, QC and Mr Jonathan Cole for the wife; Mr Ian Karsten for the husband.

LORD JUSTICE ACKNER said that the husband was an American national. The wife had been born in Brazil. The matrimonial home had been established in Surrey. There were difficulties and the wife returned to Brazil in 1972. The husband remained in England and had moved back into the matrimonial home in 1973.

The wife had married an American national, a Mr Harley, in Brazil in 1944. He had a domicile of choice in Brazil. There was no divorce in Brazil only a decree of separation.

By 1968 when the wife met Mr Lawrence she was living apart from her husband. In 1970 the parties agreed to marry if the wife could obtain a divorce and they also agreed that the matrimonial home would be in England.

In July 1970 the parties went to Nevada and resided there some seven weeks. The law of Nevada required six weeks to found its jurisdiction.

On September 11, 1970 the wife's marriage to Mr Harley was dissolved by a court in Nevada. Mr Harley was represented in those proceedings by his attorney. The next day the wife married Mr Lawrence in Las Vegas.

By his petition, Mr Lawrence sought a declaration that the marriage celebrated in Las Vegas was a valid and subsisting marriage. The wife maintained that she had always been domiciled in Brazil and that she lacked capacity to enter into the marriage celebrated in Las Vegas and asked that the marriage be declared null and void.

The traditional and still prevalent view was that capacity to marry was governed by what was conveniently called the dual domicile doctrine: a marriage was invalid unless according to the law of the domicile of both contracting parties at the time of the marriage each had capacity to contract that particular marriage; alternatively, legal capacity to marry was governed by the law of the intended matrimonial home.

In his Lordship's judgment the appeal did not raise the question of what law governed capacity to marry. The court was concerned with only a species of alleged incapacity to marry.

That incapacity was said to arise, notwithstanding the Nevada divorce, out of the continued existence of the marriage contracted by the wife in Brazil in 1944. It was said that marriage was indissoluble by Brazilian law and that when the wife purported to marry in Las Vegas she was incapable of doing so because by the law of her domicile she was still married to Mr Harley.

That submission ignored the decree granted by a court in Nevada the day before the marriage. English courts were required to recognize the validity of the decree by section 3 of the Recognition of Divorces and Legal Separations Act 1971.

It was inconsistent with the recognition of a decree of divorce to say in the same breath that the marriage the decree purported to dissolve still continued in existence. Such a recognition would be a hollow and empty gesture.

Parliament had provided by section 8 of the 1971 Act for specific exceptions from recognition but the section made no provision for excepting from recognition a divorce obtained by a party whose marriage according to the law of his or her domicile was indissoluble.

His Lordship concluded that any incapacity said to be due to a pre-existing marriage could not be relevant where the validity of the divorce dissolving that marriage had to be recognized under the 1971 Act.

The court was not concerned with the conflicting theories of the dual domicile doctrine or the intended matrimonial home doctrine. The court had taken a further step towards reducing the tyranny of the rule of domicile which Lord Wilberforce considered was justified and long overdue in *Indyka v Indyka* ([1969] 1 AC 33, 105).

The appeal would be dismissed on the simple ground that the inevitable consequence of recognizing the Nevada decree of divorce which the court was obliged to do under the 1971 Act was to recognize that the Brazilian marriage was dissolved.

The marriage which had been dissolved could not be a bar to the wife's remarriage.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that the appeal raised an important point on the recognition of foreign marriages where one party was domiciled in England and the other domiciled elsewhere.

It was not necessary for the determination of the appeal to resolve the difficult but interesting academic controversy between the two doctrines.

The 1971 Act provided for the recognition of divorces and legal separations obtained by means of judicial or other proceedings in any country outside the British Isles and effective under the laws of that country.

Section 3 imported the concept of domicile as viewed by the *lex fori* and with it the acquisition of a domicile of choice in that state albeit on grounds which might be inadequate to justify the acquisition of such a domicile in accordance with English law. Under the provisions of the Act the acquisition of that domicile was recognized by the English courts for the purpose of the recognition of decrees of divorce or legal separation.

Thus the wife at the time of the proceedings in the Nevada court had acquired a domicile in Nevada and could not have had any other domicile. Recognition of the acquisition of a domicile of choice in Nevada involved displacing the pre-existing domicile at least for the purpose of recognition by the English courts of the decree pronounced in Nevada. The wife in the eyes of the English court lost her domicile in Brazil and had acquired a domicile in Nevada.

It was an acceptable and logical step to assert that the domicile in Nevada acquired according to the laws of that state would be recognized by English law not only for the purpose of recognizing a decree of divorce but also for recognizing a resulting capacity to remarry in the same state.

In the circumstances of the case there was neither geographical nor temporal interruption as the marriage took place the following day when the wife was still clothed with her Nevada domicile recognized for the purpose of the divorce under the 1971 Act.

She must be considered to have capacity to enter a marriage in Nevada. Her Brazilian domicile of origin had lapsed by virtue of her acquiring a domicile in Nevada which would be recognized by English courts.

The marriage celebrated in Nevada was between a husband who had acquired a domicile of choice in England which had not been affected by his stay in Nevada and who was free to marry according to his English *lex domicili* and a wife who had acquired a domicile in Nevada according to the *lex fori* and was also free to marry the only relevant pre-existing disability, her Brazilian marriage having been dissolved.

The marriage contracted between the husband and wife on September 12, 1970 was a valid marriage and the appeal failed.

Sir David Cairns agreed that the appeal should be dismissed.

Solicitors: Gamlens; Clintons.

FOOTBALL: MOUNTAINOUS TASK FACES WALES AT HAMPDEN PARK

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Although Scotland have reached the final stages of the last three World Cups, Wales have got there only once – in 1958. They fought through to the quarter-finals where they had to face Brazil, the eventual winners.

WALES'S GALLANT EXIT FROM WORLD CUP

From Our Association Football Correspondent
Brazil 1, Wales 0

GOTHENBURG, JUNE 19

The British Isles said farewell to the 1958 World Cup this evening. Their last two gallant survivors lost, the Irish far away and Wales – without their giant John Charles – in the Ullevi Stadium here, where not even a super-human defence could deny the vaunted Brazilians a narrow victory their artistry deserved...

Brazil's mastery of the ball at all angles and in every phase – except the vital one of shooting – was quite breathtaking. They stroked it and caressed it: they killed it stone dead, gave it running and check side spin in their passing and generally had the Welsh running round in circles for three parts of the game. Here, indeed, was poetry of movement. Yet, oddly, all this superb control seemed to drain away once the explosive point was reached near the goal area.

Certainly Kelsey, who was flawless under the Welsh crossbar, made two or three startling saves when all seemed lost, yet the impression remained that Garrincha, Didi, Mazzola, Pelé, Zagalo and company hated to hurt the ball with some strong blow. They wanted to walk it into the net, and this is where they played into the hands of the massed Welsh defence.

However, when, 20 minutes from the end, Pelé did achieve the decisive stroke, shooting home Didi's measured flick from close range as two defenders hesitated for a fractional moment, all the pent-up Brazilian joy burst its banks. Pelé followed the ball into the back of the net and fell upon it in extravagant embrace as if greeting some long lost friend. He was followed by five or six of his colleagues and there, like dancing daffodils in their yellow shirts, they cavorted in some wild dance. And when, at last, the final whistle blew, the whole team treated themselves to a triumphant circuit of the stadium at a jog-trot, carrying a vast national flag. They were like excited children at a circus.

Wales might have scored in the opening seconds before Brazil had even touched the ball. Jones slipped Sordi and put Webster clear only to see the final shot flash past Gylmar's post. It was a real chance. What they would have given for Charles at that moment. But the hero of the Welsh valleys and of Juventus was sitting in the stand, sadly nursing a pulled muscle. Later on, too, for a fighting quarter of an hour just after the interval, Brazil briefly lost their composure when Bowen, backed by Allchurch, Hewitt and Sullivan, brought some fire belching from the Welsh Dragon. But the fire faded and at the end the match was played largely in the Welsh half.

It was there that Bowen, Charles the younger, Williams, Kelsey and the rest won their spurs and took home with them much honour after a surprising performance in the competition. They covered, they tackled swiftly, they packed their penalty area, and they employed the tactics they have used for years when Matthews has been in the England attack. They used retreating defence with their own wingers coming back to harry opposing attacks down the flanks. And now in the darting bowlegged little Garrincha at outside-right they faced the Matthews of Brazil, but one who could be criticized in his desire to play with the ball like some selfish schoolboy. Yet, watching him, no one could deny his wonderful control and he might have been the English maestro himself so exact were the methods of slipping his man. There was the shambling walk inviting the tackless the ball is taken into the back as close as the matador draws in the bull; the feint inwards, and the flick past the defender's left side...

In defence Brazil are masterly, knit together by Santos at full-back and Bellini at centre-half. They will be hard to penetrate, but unless their forwards finish off their approach work then Kopa, Fontaine and the French may have cause for a giant victory dance next week.



Men of influence tonight: Jones (left), of Wales, and Nicol, of Scotland

New men score England goals

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

England.....2
Republic of Ireland.....1

In spite of conceding their first goal in six matches, credited to Brady, England secured their fifth consecutive victory last night at Wembley.

The occasion resembled more of a continental tie than a first division fixture. The contributions of Wilkins and Brady, foreign exiles who are earning their weekly wages in opposite ends of Milan, were substantially responsible for that. In taking control of their side's designs, the game developed into a personal duel

Wilkins took the leading role, partly because he was prompting a broader front line of four and partly because his targets were more lively. He was as eager to introduce the relatively inexperienced Steven and Waddle on the flanks as he was to feed Hateley and Lineker, combining neatly during their first evening together up front.

Sansom, pushing forward into the room that was supposedly patrolled by McGrath, also lent significant support on the left. After Wilkins had twice released Hateley, another Italian representative on view, only for England's centre forward to lose control of the possibilities, Sansom stepped even further into the part of creator.

His cross in the 17th minute caused enough disturbance in the Irish defence for McCarthy, challenged by Lineker, to force his goalkeeper to scoop his hasty back pass around a post. His next run, ending with a fierce blow unusually with his right foot, signalled the first genuine shot of the night.

Wilkins set up chances for Hateley and Lineker, wasted by poor control, before England took the lead only seconds from the break.

Butcher moved upfield and hit a long pass into the Irish penalty area. Hateley's touch put Lawrenson and McArthy off balance and Steven, on a diagonal run, touched the ball past Bonner for his first international goal

The Irish countered the danger presented by Sansom at the start of the second half. O'Leary was brought into the back four and Lawrenson moved forward into midfield. But England were to suffer a more severe handicap shortly after the hour. Bryan Robson, fouled by O'Keefe, was carried off with an ankle injury.

Hoddle, his replacement, reappeared on the international stage for the first time in 13 months and Davenport, the substitute for the injured Hateley, made his mark within minutes of making his debut. He freed Linaker who, with a delightfully composed chip over the advancing Bonner, also claimed his first goal for England.

ENGLAND: G Bailey (Manchester United); V Anderson (Arsenal), K Sansom (Arsenal), T Steven (Everton), M Wright (Southampton), T Butcher (Ipswich Town), B Robson (Manchester United), R Wilkins (AC Milan), M Hateley (AC Milan), G Lineker (Leicester City), C Waddle (Newcastle United).
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: P Bonner (Celtic); C Hughton (Tottenham Hotspur), J Beglin (Liverpool), M Lawrenson (Liverpool), M McCarthy (Manchester City), L Brady (Inter Milan), R Whelan (Liverpool), G Waddock (Queen's Park Rangers), E O'Keefe (Port Vale), F Stapleton (Manchester United), P McGrath (Manchester United).
Referee: G Smith (Scotland).

● Hibernian have escaped serious sanctions following unruly crowd behaviour during Saturday's 5-0 home defeat by Aberdeen. A joint commission of the Scottish Football Association and the Scottish League inspected the Easter Road ground yesterday and made several observations and recommendations to Hibs during a three-hour meeting.

The commission instructed the club to clean up the ground and remove any loose material which may be used as missiles before their next home game, against Dundee United on April 20.

Last night's results

THIRD DIVISION: Doncaster Rovers 1, Preston North End 2; Plymouth Argyle 2, Burnley 2; Rotherham United 3, Reading 0; Swansea City 1, Millwall 2.
FOURTH DIVISION: Blackpool 1, Colchester United 1; Bury 2, Stockport County 1; Halifax Town 2, Exeter 3.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: second round: Darlington 1, Lincoln City 3.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Airdrieonians 1, Ayr United 2.
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Raith Rovers 3, Queen of the South 0, Stranraer 2, Albion Rovers 3.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCH: Penarth 4, Newport 54.

RUGBY LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION: Castleford 26, Hull 18; Wigan 28, Oldham 2.

Nicol may be key Scottish player

By Clive White

The magnitude of the task facing Wales at Hampden Park tonight could not have been better illustrated than by Steve Archibald's early morning flight from Spain yesterday to Scotland's Turnberry headquarters by courtesy of his club president's private jet. Archibald, who is the leading goalscorer of Barcelona, the new national champions, is not even in the Scotland team.

Welsh supporters will quickly point out that Archibald would be unlikely to get into their forward line either, but I think they would readily accept this example of the gulf between the two countries' available resources. Indeed, Wales have often turned this quality gap to their advantage. It has been an instrument of motivation over the years. But not often at Hampden.

They have not won there since 1951. Realistically, they must do so tonight in this World Cup qualifying game: otherwise a television armchair in Cardiff or somewhere will be as close as they get to the Mexico finals next summer.

Souness, the Scotland captain said it all when he remarked that Scotland at their best should beat Wales at theirs. Both teams will, indeed, be at their best theoretically. Jock Stein, the Scotland manager, has kept faith with the same team who have hinted at greatness in three of their last four games and may have done so in Spain last time out but for the sickness of Dalglish and Nicol on the morning of the match.

Though these two were missed, Stein would be happy now for a similar performance, if not a similar result. Nicol's importance was stressed by Souness, who said he saw him as the next captain of Liverpool and Scotland. His contribution could be decisive tonight, charging up a flank offering flimsy protection from Wales.

Souness was at variance, though, with his manager about the Welsh forwards, Rush and Hughes, whom he considered the best partnership in Britain and perhaps Europe. "I expect Hughes to go even further than Rush because he is prepared to bend the rules", he said. But Souness cannot have seen much of them as a pair and I prefer to go along with Stein when he suggests that, while individually they are lethal, as a pair they tend not to complement one another.

Whatever their understanding, they will need exceptional service to dismiss the Aberdeen centre back pairing of Miller and McLeish, who have had their cards marked about the Welshmen by Dalglish and Strachan. They are a perfect example of Stein's preference for teamwork even at the expense of individual brilliance. He conceded that Hansen, who will almost certainly be on the substitutes' bench, is possibly the best central defender in Britain, but added: "You can't sacrifice a good club understanding, which includes the goalkeeper."

SCOTLAND: J Leighton (Aberdeen); S Nicol (Liverpool), A Albiston (Manchester United), G Souness (Sampdoria), A McLeish (Aberdeen), W Miller (Aberdeen), K Dalglish (Liverpool), P McStay (Celtic), M Johnston (Celtic), J Bett (Lokeren), D Cooper (Rangers).
WALES: N Southall (Everton), N Blatter (Bristol Rovers), K Jackett (Watford), K Ratcliffe (Everton), J Jones (Chelsea), D Phillips (Manchester City), L James (Queen's Park Rangers), P Nicholas (Luton Town), M Thomas (Chelsea), M Hughes (Manchester United), I Rush (Liverpool).

GROUP SEVEN TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	2	0	1	5	2	4
Spain	2	2	0	1	5	3	4
Iceland	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Wales	3	1	0	2	2	5	2

Remaining fixtures: March 27: Scotland v Wales April 30: Wales v Spain. May 28: Iceland v Scotland. June 12: Iceland v Spain. September 10: Wales v Scotland. September 25 Spain v Iceland.

Allen runs Irish ragged

England Under-21 3
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Paul Allen emphasized his claim for a place in the full England squad with an impressive performance in the under-21 team's victory over the Republic of Ireland. Allen's contribution laid the foundations for what should have been an overwhelming win at Portsmouth on Monday night, but lapses by his colleagues allowed the Irish to stage an unlikely recovery.

The West Ham United midfield player winning his first cap as an over-age player, exposed the Irish defence with a series of speedy runs and accurate crosses.

Goals by Walters, Fairclough and Wilkinson gave England a lead which would have been more emphatic but for some poor finishing. The Irish were as surprised as anyone else to pull the score back to 3-2 when Kennedy coverted two penalties within five minutes, midway through the second half.

England were forced to defend desperately as the Irish went in search of an equalizer in the closing stages.

ENGLAND UNDER-21: D Seaman (Birmingham City) (sub R Mimms, Rotherham United); P Parker (Fulham) (sub W Fereday, Queen's Park Rangers), P Hardyman (Portsmouth), C Fairclough (Nottingham Forest), A Adams (Arsenal), N Webb (Portsmouth), S Barker (Blackburn Rovers), P Allen (West Ham United), P Wilkinson (Grimsby Town), A Cottee (West Ham United) (sub C Carr, Fulham), M Walters (Aston Villa) (sub P Rideout, Aston Villa)
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND UNDER-21: D'Neil (Bohemians) (sub G Kelly, Newcastle United); Coyle (Limerick), K O'Reagan (Brighton), K O'Doherty (Crystal Palace), J Pender (Wolverhampton Wanderers), M Kennedy (Portsmouth), B Collins (Southampton), J Sheridan (Leeds United), (sub: L Donnellan, Chelsea), K De Mange (Liverpool), B Mooney (Liverpool) (sub: O'Connor, Bristol Rovers), G Ryan (Brighton) (sub: J Hanrahan, University College Dublin).
Referee: F Roberts (Wales).

Battiston dropped by France

Paris (Agencies) – France have dropped the defender Patrick Battiston, one of their European championship-winning team, from the squad to face Yugoslavia in a World Cup qualifying match at Sarajvo next Wednesday.

Battiston, who has been injured for France's last two group four games, wants to fill the libero role he plays with Bordeaux, but cannot dislodge Bossis, veteran of 63 internationals and long an automatic choice.

Specht, Battiston's partner at Bordeaux, looks set to play for France for the first time for three years. He is likely to be at the heart of the defence, replacing Senac, who has been dropped.

Another Bordeaux man back in the squad is the utility player Tusseau, who is at home in defence and midfield. The uncapped Nantes defender Ayache and the injury-dogged attacking midfield player Touré are also brought in. So is Buscher, on the strength of the 19 goals he has scored for Brest this season.

France go into e match top of group four with a maximum six points from their games against Luxembourg, Bulgaria and East Germany.

SQUAD: Goalkeepers: J Bats, A Rust. **Defenders:** M Amoros, W Ayache, M Bibard, M Bossis, J-F Domergue, Specht, **Midfield:** L Fernandez, A Giresse, M Platini, J Tigana, T Tusseau. **Forwards:** B Bellone, G Buscher, Y Stopyra, J Touré.

● SAARBRUCKEN: West Germany have an eight-goal precedent to live up to when they meet Malta in a World Cup group two qualifying game here today.



Bossis: automatic choice

The Maltese have twice visited West Germany in European championship qualifiers in 1976 and 1980, and both times were thrashed 8-0.

The West German manager, Franz Beckenbauer, has chosen three forwards in a team who, he says, will be looking for an avalanche of goals to improve their chances of reaching next year's finals in Mexico. But he has warned his side not to expect a walkover against the Maltese, who conceded only four goals in each of their previous away ties against Sweden and Czechoslovakia and who gave West Germany a tough time in the Germans' 3-2 win in Malta last December.

Beckenbauer has kept faith with the side who recorded an unexpected 2-1 win in Portugal last month to go top of the five-nation group with three wins out of three. The captain, Rummenigge, the defender, Forster, who missed that game with influenza, return in place of the injured Falkenmayer and Jakobs, who is under a domestic suspension, but there are no other changes.

The Maltese amateurs, who have been training in Italy for the last week, include a diamond cutter, a waiter and a policeman in their team and form a sharp contrast with the highly paid West German professionals.

But they do have one man who knows how the other half lives. Their goalkeeper, Bonello, spent a season as a professional with the West German second division club, Herford, after impressing in the last 8-0 Maltese drubbing in Bremen.

● BRUSSELS: Belgium will be almost at full strength for their qualifying match against Greece here today. They have recalled three players from duty in West Germany and Switzerland to boost their struggling defence.

Pfaff, who just signed for another two years as Bayern Munich's goalkeeper is in good form, and could make a big difference.

Renquin, a utility defender currently with Servette Geneva, is expected to play alongside Plessers, one of Hamburg's key players.

An attacking midfield is expected to feature the Anderlecht trio, Scifo, Vercauteren and Vandereycken. The Italian-born Scifo is coming into his own s an international

Spain plan revenge

Palma (Reuter) – Spain meet Northern Ireland in a friendly international here today seeking to exact some revenge for their defeat in Valencia during the 1982 World Cup finals, when Gerry Armstrong scored the only goal of the game.

Northern Ireland will be without two experienced midfield players, Sammy McIlroy, who has not been released by Stoke City, and Martin O'Neill, who is injured.

SPAIN (probable): L Arconada; G Miranda, A Gallcerbias, A Maceda, Pedri Salinas or Julio Alberto, J Senor, R Gallego, R Gordillo, F Clos, E Butrague, H Rincon.
NORTHERN IRELAND (probable): P Jennings; J Nicholl, J McLelland, J O'Neill, M Donaghy, P Ramsey, N Whiteside, D McCreery, C Clarke, I Armstrong, I Stewart.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL: England 3, Republic of Ireland 2
FOURTH DIVISION: Port Vale 0, Wrexham 0
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Second round: Millwall 2, Orient 3
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Barnsley v Stoke City. Second division: Bolton Wanderers 2, Leeds United 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers 0, Hull City 0.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton and Hove Albion 3, Bristol Rovers 2. Postponed: Millwall v Ipswich Town.
GOLA LEAGUE: Altrincham 1, Wealdstone 2.
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 1, Billericay 1; Croydon 0, Wokingham 2.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fisher 10, RS Southampton 1. Midland division: Hednesford 2, VS Rugby 2. Southern division: Waterlooville 2 Sheppey 2; Poole 2, Hillingdon 1; Cambridge 1, Basingstoke 1.

● Geoff Scott, the defender who signed for Northampton Town early this season is joining Chesterfield on loan.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

(7.30 unless stated)

World Cup
Group seven
Scotland v Wales (8.0)

Other World Cup matches: Group one: Belgium v Greece (Brussels, 7.0). Group two: West Germany v Malta (Saarbrucken, 7.15). Group four: Yugoslavia v Luxembourg (Zenica, 4.30). Asian group one: Lebanon v Qatar (Doha).

International
Spain v Northern Ireland (Palma, 7.45).

First division
Aston Villa v Stoke City.
Second division
Wimbledon v Shrewsbury (7.45).
Third division
Brentford v Walsall (7.45).
Fourth division
Chester v Aldershot.
Mansfield v Peterborough.

GOLA LEAGUE: Boston v Scarborough; Gateshead v Wealdstone (8.0).
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Slough v Billericay; Wokingham v Tooting & Mitcham. Second division, south: Feltham v Egham; Horsham v Newbury.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Oswestry v Hyde.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE BILL DILLOW CUP: (Semi-final second leg): Basingstoke v Fisher Ath. Premier division: Alvechurch v A.P. Leamington; Cheltenham v Bedworth. Midland division: Leicester v V.S. Rugby; Sutton Coldfield v Moor Green.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Barnsley v Manch. City; Sheffield Utd. v Coventry; West Brom v Liverpool. Second division: Bolton v Port Vale; Burnley v Wolverhampton; Doncaster v Middlesbrough; Hull City v Blackpool; Preston v Grimsby; Scunthorpe v Wigan (7.30); York City v Sunderland.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Norwich v Millwall; Oxford v Watford.
Inter-services championships: Army v Royal Air Force (Aldershot, 2.30).

RUGBY UNION
Club matches: (7.0): Aberavon v Bristol; Abertillery v Metro. Police; Cheltenham v Bath; Cross Keys v Maesteg; Ebbw Vale v Swansea; Nuneaton v Coventry (7.15); Plymouth Albion v Royal Navy (7.30); Pontypool v Bridgend.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Surrey Clubs v Combined London OB (Raynes Park, 5.00).
CORNWALL CUP: Semi-final: Penzance-Newlyn v St Ives (Penzance-Newlyn RFC, 5.30).
BASS MERIT TABLE: Bridgwater & Albion v Clifton; Taunton v Brixham.
SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL: 16 group. England v Italy (Twickenham, 2.15).
SCHOOLS SEVENS: Open tournament (Rosslyn Park, Roehampton, 10am).

RUGBY LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION: Hunslet v Hull KR; Widnes v Halifax. **Second division:** Dewsbury v Bridgend (8.00); Rochdale v Whitehaven (7.45).

HOCKEY
TOURNAMENTS: RAF Inter-station competitions – Finals (RAF Cranwell); BUSF Group Championship (Southampton University, 9.30)
SCHOOLS: King's, Gloucester v Headmasters Invitation XI.

OTHER SPORT
GOLF: Sunningdale Ladies Foursomes (Sunningdale GC); London Ladies Foursomes (Hindhead GC).
RACKETS: Public Schools Doubles (Queen's Club, West Kensington).
SNOOKER: Benson & Hedges Irish Masters (Goffs, Co Kildare).
SPEEDWAY: Long Eaton v Stoke (Trent Signal Trophy); Wimbledon v Hackney (London Cup).

All-ticket tie

The first division match between Norwich City, the Milk Cup winners, and Ipswich Town, their Anglian rivals, at Carrow Road on Easter Monday has been made all-ticket.

● Tonight's friendly match between Bristol Rovers and Tottenham Hotspur in aid of cancer research has been called off because Rovers' Eastville ground is waterlogged. The game will be played on April 30.

BOXING

Deal by McCarthy could bring McGuigan world title bouts

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Barry McGuigan can make £650,000 from three world title contests, according to Burt McCarthy, the London promoter. McCarthy said yesterday that he had negotiated a deal whereby McGuigan would receive £150,000 for a contest against Eusebio Pedroza, the world featherweight champion, in London in May, £200,000 to defend against Bernard Taylor, of Tennessee, in Belfast, and £300,000 for a third defence at a venue of McGuigan's choice.

McCarthy said that the key element in the deal was the venue for the bout involving Taylor, against whom the winner of the Pedroza-McGuigan contest must defend. So far Pedroza has said that he would be willing to meet McGuigan on two conditions: firstly that, should McGuigan win, he defend against Taylor in Tennessee for £40,000; secondly, that should McGuigan be victorious again, he defend against Pedroza in his home town of Panama City.

Naturally McGuigan's manager, B. J. Eastwood, has found these demands too steep and offered to buy them out. He invited Pedroza to London to see McGuigan defend his European title last night and to talk business as well.

Having been showered by offers from British promoters, Pedroza holds all the cards. McCarthy, however, believes he has secured the best deal under the circumstances. "Why fight Taylor in Tennessee for £40,000 when I can deliver him in Belfast?" he said yesterday. "We have done a deal with Bob Arum, who has Taylor under contract."

● Las Vegas (Reuter) – After further tests an unidentified amount of the drug, acetaminophen, has been found in the urine sample of the heavyweight challenger, David Bey, the Nevada State Athletic Commission (NSAC) have announced. Bey was stopped by the International Boxing Federation (IBF) heavyweight champion Larry Holmes in the tenth round here on March 15.

ROWING

Broughton back for Cambridge

By Jim Railton

Cambridge University were still below strength yesterday, with their president, John Garrett, still out of the boat with a cold and only 10 days to the Boat Race, sponsored by Ladbrokes, on April 6 (2.45). Cambridge, in the circumstances, have no option but to delay their final wind-up until they are back to full strength.

Today Garrett plans to travel down to the Tideway from his home in Wellingborough, where he has been resting. But he will call in en route to see Dr David Jennins, the Cambridge stroke and coach, for final clearance.

At least Cambridge had some consolation yesterday with their four man, Paddy Broughton, back in the boat after a stomach upset over the weekend. Last year's seven, Ewan Pearson, now teaching at Westminster School, substituted for the president, and they did little more than paddle in the incessant rain.So Cambridge have to bide their time

Oxford used Eton as fags in the morning. In short bursts of speed Oxford at realistic ratings were able to take a length in just under 20 strokes and two and a half lengths in 38. And so they should bully schoolboys, as their confidence lifts under their coach, Daniel Topolski. Oxford went out on a wet afternoon but their encounter with the national eight, as happened with Cambridge over the weekend, never materialized.

Oxford's main offering of the day was a five-minute row on the top of the tide against their reserve crew, Isis. They gave their reserves a few feet and cautiously took the Surrey station. But it was all academic. Rowing at a comfortable rate of 33, they were clear in just over a minute and almost five lengths in the five minutes "contest".

TODAY'S OUTINGS: Oxford 9.30 and 4; Cambridge 10 and 3 (from Putney).
OXFORD: S J Cartledge (Hampton and New), bow, C L Richmond (St Edward's and Christ Church), *B M Philp (Downing, Cambridge and Worcester), A M F Thomas (Winchester and Pembroke), P M Hars (St Albans and Bellio), *G R D Jones (Sydney University and Nsw), *W J Lang (Wallingford and Magdalen), F M Reininger (Pennsylvania University and University), stroke, *S R Leseer (Princeton and Magdalen), cox.
CAMBRIDGE: J S Witter (Pangbourne and St Catharine's), bow, A L Passemak (Bradford GS and Magdalene), J D Hughes (Bedford Modern and Downing), P M Broughton (Southampton University and Magdalene), S M Peel (King's, Chester and Downing), *G A Barnard (Lakefield, Canada and Robinson), *J L Garrett (Shrewsbury and LMBC), *J M Pritchard (St Clements Dane's and Robinson), stroke, H L Shaw (Harrogate and LMBC), cox.
* A Blue

IN BRIEF

Top riders banned

Simon Wigg, of Oxford, and Malcolm Simmons, of Swindon, have been suspended from all international meetings during the 1985 season by a speedway control board tribunal sitting in London yesterday. The decision rules them out of the world individual championship, world pairs and world team cup events. A third international, Mark Courtney, of Kings Lynn, was suspended from racing in Britain until May 1.

They were all found guilty of conduct prejudicial to the sport following a Sunday newspaper investigation into alleged irregularities during the qualifying stages of the 1984 individual world championship in Britain.

ATHLETICS: The inaugural world indoor games, which took place in Paris in January, produced a deficit of 3.5 million francs (£300,000), the French Athletics Federation said yesterday (AFP reports). Poor attendance was largely responsible for this.

GOLF



Family links: Paul and Nicola Way (Photo: Frank Baron)

Class act nearly taught unwelcome lesson

By John Hennessy

Sam Torrance and John O'Leary, the class act in the Sunningdale foursomes field, overcame their first hurdle yesterday, but in rather more demanding circumstances than they might have expected. They were hunted all the way home on a sodden New course, in persistent rain, by two young West Hove amateurs, David Bristow and Tim Hoyles, before winning on the last green.

It was all-square after 14 holes, the amateurs having expended their two-strokes advantage, but they were bunkered at the 15th and could not match the Ryder Cup pair's birdie four at the last. At least there was honour in defeat, for they won the unstinting admiration of their distinguished opponents.

One of the top women's combinations, however, Jill Thornhill and Claire Waite, could not rise above the miserable conditions. In spite of receiving strokes on eight holes from the Sleaford amateur-professional combination of Hare and Daubney, they surrendered at the 19th. Three from the edge there was only too typical of a performance that belied their glittering amateur reputations.

The new professional women's combination of Laura Davies and Beverly New, on the other hand, ran away from two Colnbrook professionals, Hepsworth and Laycock.

On the Old course, the holders, Maureen Garner (nee Madill) and Mary McKenna, came back from two down after five holes to beat the Hamiltons, husband and wife, by 3 and 2. Jan Hamilton's tee shot into the heather at the 16th brooked no reprieve.

RESULTS FROM SUNNINGDALE

FIRST ROUND

OLD COURSE: M J Herbert and J Evans bt A Godfrey and I Farrant 3 and 2, Miss N McCormack and Miss P Johnson bt M Rowett and S Lloyd 2 and 1; R Peters and A Pritchard bt T Bacon and A Bacon 3 and 2; A Oldcorn and R Lee bt D Webb and N Terry 8 and 7, P Hodgson and D Rolfe bt I Watts and D Kite 2 and 1, I Caldwell and Mrs C Caldwell bt T Baker and R Sargent 4 and 3, B Peterson and K MacPherson bt D Elliott and G Carter 4 and 3, K Stables and R Jamieson bt T Notley and R Banfield 7 and 6, J Garner and N Holloway bt B Firkins and K Kelsall 3 and 2; D Hulsh and Miss G Stewart bt L Noakes and P Longmore 7 and 6, N Mitchell and H Francis bt S Hall and Miss K Harridge two holes; M Lawrence and R Lawrence bt R Smith and A Sherbourne 4 and 3, N Burke and N Child bt R Gardiner and R Mace at 19th; N Tokely and M Boggis bt B Mudge and Miss K Tebbet one hole; P Green and D McClelland bt M Wall and P Suckling 5 and 4, P Highfield and S Rolley bt R Johnson and N Green at 19th.
NEW COURSE: T Greenwood and A Drake bt I Grant and F Keddie one hole, M Landsborough and D Hudspeth by D Thorp and B Adams one hole, A Conlon and P Tolley bt S Kelly and K Campbell 4 and 3; Miss J Forrest and Mrs M Thomson bt J Sewell and A Clegg 4 and 3, N Coles and G Coles bt K Norton and R Richards 4 and 3; G Wolstenholme and Miss H Hustler bt G Crisp and S Hodson 4 and 2; A Reynolds and A Hall bt G Wilson and M Kirby one hole; Miss V Marvin and Mrs C Sharp bt L Mann and F Mann one hole; R Tickner and A Rees bt T Hill and V Duncan 4 and 3; A Barr and J Nudds bt C Legoux and T Williams 4 and 3, J Fisher and E Denovan bt R Doig and Miss C Hayter two holes; L Roberts and M Barr bt P Webster and P Sutton 4 and 2; G Davies and C Clark bt P Johnson and C Hiscox 3 and 2; J C Davies and Miss M Scobling bt T Clements and A Rattue 2 and 1; N Webber and M Collingbourne bt R Foreman and M Foreman 3 and 2; I Whyatt and M McLean bt P Stow and Miss M Egar one hole.

SECOND ROUND

OLD COURSE: K MacDonald and P Anderson bt J R Jones and H Evans 2 and 1; K Hinton and M Jarvis bt J Ord and A Hartley 4 and 3; B Gallacher and P Garner bt F George and A Brewer two holes; M Palmer and M Belsham bt Miss M Burton and Miss T Fernando 4 and 2; S Levermore and J Pelss bt G Thompson and A MacDonald two holes, A McLean and N Cameron bt P Way and Miss N Way one hole, A Biggins and P Lowery bt P Foston and N Hobbs 2 and 1; T Parcell and P Curry bt J Stanton and S Lowaday 2 and 1.
P Napier and J Napier bt G Cox and K Scarr one hole; J Griffin and A Chandler bt P Beeny and D Morban 3 and 1; D Cooper and A Waterhouse bt R Deakin and E Campbell 2 and 1, S Watkins and G Cowlechow bt Miss G Gunby and C Laurence 2 and 1; R Randall and P Froggatt bt A Cook and N Howie 2 and 1; N Wicheliow and P Clozier bt B Sparks and Miss T Hammond two holes; A Stevens and F Stanwick bt J Christine and Mrs J Nicolson one hole. Miss M Garner and Miss M McKenna bt Hamilton and Mrs J Hamilton 3 and 2.
P Carr and N Burn bt G Thomas and Miss K Douglas at 19th; K Brake and M Squire bt D Harrison and C Sprague at 20th; C MacCachlan and G McKay bt R Vickery and T Bristow 6 and 5, K Valentine and A Minshall bt J Irving and G Packer 8 and 6; I Young and H Stott bt M MacDermid and C Gillies one hole; J Barron and M Reeves bt A Ford and M Dewdney one hole; D Jones and L Plants bt K Cooper and W Large 4 and 2; M Greve and R Winchester bt J Gay and K Stevens 3 and 1.
Landegorough and Hudspeth bt Greenwood and Drake 3 and 1; Miss Forrest and Miss Thomson bt Conlon and Tolley 3 and 1; Coles and Coles bt Wolstenholme and Miss Hustler 5 and 4, Reynolds and Hall bt Miss Marvin and Mrs Sharp; Tickner and Rees all square with Barr and Nudds at 20th to be resumed today; Fisher and Debrun bt Roberts and Barr 3 and 2, Davies and Miss Scobling bt Davies and Clark 5 and 4, Webber and Collingbourne bt Whyatt and Mclean 3 and 2.

NEW COURSE: A Partridge and C Haycock bt I Burton and D Metis 5 and 4, J Baldwin and J Newsworth bt D McFadden and M Henbury, one hole; G Bothwell and R Willson bt A Summers and G Hunt 3 and 2; P Taylor and M Vickery bt R Webb and K Whitten at 19th; S Hawkins and N Blonkorne bt D Pugh and S Clee 4 and 3; S Geddes and G Pearce bt M Dealey and Miss J Hawkings 2 and 1; A Hall and K Haywood bt S Barr and M Phillips one hole; K MacDonald and R Cameron bt Mrs L Bayman and M G Hughcdon 3 and 1.
C Burgess and K Davies bt K Maxwell and K Williams 6 and 5; G Harts and G Hawkins bt A Calder and J Lambie 4 and 3; Miss L Davies and Miss B New bt G Hepsworth and S Laycock 7 and 5, R Truman and A Pottinger bt D Carrot and P Franklin 3 and 1; R Moore and M Symonds bt J Roberts and D Ballis 8 and 6; M King and M Devetta bt G Ruchie and P Hervey one hole; N Lawrence and A Clark bt R Freeman and Miss L Percival one hole; J Robson and G Marks bt L Farmer and R Whitehead one hole
P Parkin and Miss J Pool bt J Wee and B Puttick at 20th; S Smith and D Hamdon-Martin bt A Rogers and G Goldie 2 and 1; R Bowen and D Horan bt J Bates and P Wright 2 and 1, J O'Leary and S Torrance bt D Bristow and T Hoyles two holes. P Brown and S Hoetson bt J Elkins and L Batchelor 5 and 4; A Hare and M Daubney bt Mrs J Thornhill and Miss C Waite at 19th; W Martinbank and A White bt H Arnott and M Tibbles 3 and 2; R Newberry and P Snow bt P King and A Traynor 3 and 2.
Miss McCormack and Miss Johnson bt Herbert and Evans 4 and 3; Peters and Pritchard bt Oldcorn and Lee 2 and 1; Hodgson and Rolfe bt Caldwell and Mrs Caldwell one hole, Patterson and Macpherson bt Stables and Jamieson one hole; Hulsh and Miss Stewart bt Garner and Holloway 5 and 5; Lawrence and Lawrence bt Mitchell and Francis 4 and 2, Tokeley and Boggis bt Burke and Child one hole; Green and McClelland bt Highfield and Rolley 5 and 4

FOR THE RECORD

ICE HOCKEY

FRIBOURG, Switzerland: World Championships, Group B: Japan 4, Netherlands 3; Norway 5, Austria 2

STANDINGS

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	3	3	0	0	15	3	6
Poland	3	3	0	0	15	7	6
Japan	3	2	0	1	13	12	4
Italy	3	2	0	1	10	10	4
Norway	3	1	0	2	11	12	2
Austria	3	1	0	2	5	9	2
Netherlands	3	0	0	3	8	13	0
Hungary	3	0	0	3	4	16	0

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Minnesota North Stars 5, Vancouver Canucks 3.

SQUASH RACKETS

NEWCASTLE: Midsummer Junior Grand Prix: Final round: Under-19: R Graham (Essex) bt J Clark (Wilts), 9-3, 9-5, 9-3. Under-18: D Walker (Leics) bt D Simpson (Lancs), 9-4, 9-5, 2-9, 9-5. Final placing: Under-19: 1, Graham, 124 pts, 2, T Stainey, (Herts), 102; 3, S Langdon (Wilts), 102; 4, D Deadman (Hants), 100; 5, M Dolley (Cambs), 97. Under-18: 1, Walker, 127; 2, G Walsh (Kent), 102; 3, P Frankland (Surrey) 101; 4, Simpson, 94, 5, M Baker (Surrey), A Gordon (Norfolk), both 91
TORONTO: Canadian open championships: Quarter-finals: J Khan (Pak) bt T Page (US), 15-5, 15-11, 15-9, M Tetlaloff (US) bt G Caldwell (Can), 15-9, 13-9, 15-12; M Sanchez (Mex) bt S Bowditch (WG), 15-12, 15-13, 15-9; N Edwards (US) bt M Beaulniers (Can), 18-15, 15-3, 15-8.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CUP: Public schools doubles championships: Professionals Association second pairs cup, first round: Haileybury (J W Symonds and G Tenton) bt Winchester (B Thornyeroft and P Baldwin) 15-12, 6-15, 12-15, 15-12, 18-16, 15-4; Tonbridge (J Wilmot and J Wesens) bt Clifton (S Buckland and A Scott) 15-7, 15-1, 4-15, 15-

RACING: INJURY DEPRIVES HALLO DANDY'S RIDER OF CHANCE TO REPEAT GRAND NATIONAL TRIUMPH

Richards delays decision on replacement for Doughty

By Michael Seely

Neale Doughty was yesterday found to be unfit for his attempt to repeat last year's victory on Hallo Dandy in the Grand National at Aintree on Saturday. "I am satisfied with the progress that Doughty is making after dislocating his right shoulder in a fall at Worcester." Michael Allen, the chief medical consultant to the Jockey Club, said. "But he won't be fit to ride for another 14 days."

Meanwhile speculation mounts about who will replace the injured 27-year-old jockey. "I've had a long talk with the owner, Richard Shaw," Gordon Richards, Hallo Dandy's trainer, said yesterday afternoon. "We're going to have a discussion with Neale about suitable substitutes this evening, sleep on it and then make a decision tomorrow."

"I approached John Francome and Peter Scudamore immediately. But neither of them will be available unless anything happens to Drumlargan or Corbiere. Hallo Dandy is in tremendous shape.

"I rode him in his gallop at Penrith on Monday morning. He gave me a great feel and I'm satisfied that he is as well as he was before last year's win. I'm desperately sorry for Neale, he was too upset to speak to me from Portman Square."

Jenny Pitman, confirming that Scudamore would take over from the injured Ben de Haan, is similarly delighted with the condition of the 1983 winner. "Corbiere's popping his cork. I've never known him to be in better form. I'm going to be on my knees tonight praying for more rain," Mrs Pitman said.

Peaty Sandy was the only surprising withdrawal when 48 were declared at yesterday's four-day stage. "The horse injured his off hind fetlock in his last race at Kelso," Helen Hamilton, his trainer, said. "It's been a race against time to get him right and we've lost the battle."

The cheering in Flaxton must have been heard in nearby Malton when it was announced that backers of Mr Snugfit are now assured of a run

Mick Easterby's eight-year-old has been backed by his owner, Anthony Greenwood, at 80-1. "We can all sleep tonight," a stable spokesman said. "We've been keeping our fingers crossed all week."

Arthur Stephenson has not yet decided whether Fortina's Express will go for the National or tomorrow's Whitbread Trophy Chase, the race in which Richard Dunwoody, West Tip's jockey, is to have his first experience of these daunting fences on Bashful Lad.

Grand National acceptors

FOUR-DAY DECLARATIONS: Corbiere (P Scudamore), Drumlargan (J Francome), Straight Accord (S Shilston), Greasepaint (T Carmody), Lucky Vane (J Burke), Hallo Dandy, Broomy Bank (Mr A J Wilson), Fethard Friend (P Barton), Classified (P Croucher), Tacroy (A Stringer), Last Suspect (H Davies), Scot Lane (C Smith), West Tip (R Dunwoody), Fortina's Express (R Lamb), Kumbi (K Doolan), Daltmore (P Leech), Musso (Mr S Sherwood), Dudie (A Mullins), Rupertino (R Stronge), Imperial Black (C Hawkins), Shady Deal (R Rowe), Poyntz Pass (M Meagher), Tubbertaily, The Drunken Duck (D Coakley), Talon (A Webber), Onapromise (A Brown), Knockawad (K F O'Brien), Blackrath Prince (B Reilly), Hill Of Slane (S Smith Eccles), Royal Appointment (P Gill), Solihull Sport (S Morshead), Clontiburtin (Mr T Thomson-Jones), Faulkon (K Mooney), Bashful Lad (G McCourt), Crosa (S Moore), Mr Snugfit (P Tuck), Glentox (M Perrett), Never Tamper (C Brown), Roman Bistro (P Nicholls), Captain Parkhill (C Grant), Leney Dual (Mr D Pitcher), Our Cloud, Three Chances, Immigrate, Greenhill Hall, Northern Bay, Rockin Berry, Oakprime.



Cnoc Na Cuille (right) clears the last just ahead of Mood Music at Sandown yesterday. But both were overtaken on the run-in by Ballyross (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Veteran Ballyross produces his best work at the finish

Ballyross ended his racing career on a winning note when taking the Downs Conditional Jockeys Handicap Chase at Sandown Park in dramatic fashion. After being left at the start, the 14-year-old appeared to have no chance as Shrewd Operator and Staunton were well clear of their rivals coming to the last. But both fell, leaving Mood Music in front.

He was soon passed by Cnoc Na Cuille, but Mark Pitman conjured a great run from Ballyross to get up close home. This was Pitman's first winner from two rides for Tim Forster, who said: "It was one of the most remarkable races I've ever seen."

Heavy ground and bold jumping won the day for Further Thought when he came home 10 lengths clear of his market rival, Royal Judgement, in the RMC Group Ubique Open Hunter Chase. Further Thought was expected to win the Foxhunters Chase at Cheltenham but he unseated his rider at the fifth.

However, he made no mistakes this time and always had too much strength for his rivals on this testing ground. He will now try to repeat last year's triumph in the Merlin Hunters Chase at Ascot on April 13.

Gerald Oxley, son of the former Newmarket trainer, John Oxley, gained his third victory from only five rides when landing the Royal Artillery Gold Cup on Turn Blue. Always travelling smoothly, Turn Blue came home 20 lengths clear of his nearest rival, Almighty Zeus.

Oxley, currently serving in the 13th/18th Hussars in Germany, was having his first ride for Bob Champion, who said. "I needed a rider who could reduce Turn Blue's weight as he is not a big horse. Gerald has ridden out for me and is very keen. He flew over from Germany this morning."

Champion reports that he will have three runners, King Spruce, Eggnog and Abo Ace in the Whitebread Trophy at Liverpool tomorrow.

● The Horserace Betting Levy Board's contribution to prize money in 1986 will be increased by £994,000 (9.5 per cent) to £11,387,000. The board's objective of a 60:40 ratio between Flat racing and National Hunt will be achieved for the first time next year.

● Bollinger, who have made a champagne award to the leading trainer on the Flat at Lingfield Park for several seasons, are switching the award to the leading owner for 1985.

● Out Of The Gloom, one of the season's leading juvenile hurdlers, runs in the Glenlivet Novices' Hurdle at Liverpool on Saturday.

● Corals have laid a Grand National bet of £500 each-way on Dudie at 66-1 and now offer 40-1.

Edwards to win again with Castle Warden

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Castle Warden can again draw attention to the skill of his trainer, John Edwards, and his staff at Ross-on-Wye, by winning the John Bull Beer Kit Handicap Chase at Huntingdon today. In a recent interview with *Timeform*, Edwards said that last November Castle Warden developed back trouble, which became so bad that they had to break down all the old lesions and manipulate it.

Apparently it took 20 people pulling on ropes for two hours to do the trick, a method that has been used successfully on three-day eventers. From being totally out, his pelvis is now almost in line, and the effectiveness of that treatment is shown by his subsequent form – four victories from six attempts.

Two of those wins have been over today's course and distance. On his last outing Castle Warden beat Arabian Music by three lengths at Folkestone and a reproduction of that form should enable him to account for Below The Salt and Usurping.

Conquering, who relishes soft ground and stays three miles without flinching, is taken to win the Ehtisley Novices' Chase. At Chepstow earlier this month, Fred Winter's seven-year-old overcame similar conditions to win his first chase.

Kamal Siddiqi, my selection for the first division of the Sandy Novices' Hurdle, finished third to Asir at Market Rasen at the beginning of the month. Asir has since won the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham and it is safe to say that there is nothing with his ability in today's field.

True Heritage, who is napped to win the second division, won a sponsored handicap on the Flat at Lingfield last May. His only race over hurdles was at Nottingham eight days ago, when he performed with distinct promise to finish fourth to Burrampour. That effort delighted his Newmarket trainer, Tony Hide.

The stuttering start to the Flat season continues at Catterick. When Provideo won the Toytop Stakes 12 months ago, few would have been entertained the possibility that they were watching the racehorse of the year in action. By sheer coincidence, Provideo's sire, Godswalk, could also be responsible for today's winner in Blessed Aisle, who will be ridden for Bill Watts by Brent Thomson.

ATHLETICS

Top names attracted to Newcastle city centre event

By Pat Butcher

The lure of road running is such that the £5,500 in subventions for this evening's 5km city centre race in Newcastle will be complemented by trips to more lucrative races abroad, and there is a far better representation of top British distance runners than in the world cross-country championships in Lisbon last Sunday.

The accent on road running should be seen as a further warning to the myopic British cross-country officials who should be welcoming rather than repulsing moves by the International Amateur Athletic Federation towards amalgamation of the four home countries, if only to produce a winning team in future championships.

In the absence tonight of Mike McLeod, last year's winner, who still has sciatica, Dave Lewis and Eamonn Martin, share marginal favouritism over a high-quality field, which includes Julian Goater, Steve Harris, Barry Smith, Nat Muir, Roger Hackney, Steve Binns, Allister Hutton, John Robson, Jon Richards and Paul Davies-Hale, as well as Belgium's Jeff Gees and Bob Verbeeck, the winner of the recent European indoor 3,000 metres.

Martin has never quite rediscovered the cross-country form that won him the national championship last year, but his road victories – in the Barcelona New Year race, and a 33-second margin over Sebastian Coe in the 6km Chingford road relay last week – suggest that he may have the edge over Lewis, who felt yesterday that one or two races too many this winter caused him to drop to eighteenth in Lisbon.



Lewis: strong contender

The race, sponsored by Arrow Shoes, will be the penultimate one to be televised in Britain by the BBC, with the London Marathon to come. ITV paid £10.5 million for the domestic contract which begins on April 1 and lasts for five years.

RUGBY UNION

Millfield's way is effective

By Peter Marson

Rosslyn Park never fail to display their exceptional skills in organizing the national schools seven-a-side tournament, an event in which close on 2,000 boys from around 260 schools play in something approaching 500 matches on three grounds in four days. In recent years, however, the competition has seemed always to invite some appalling weather, and it arrived again early in the morning yesterday to give a splash and a squelch to the opening rounds.

For many schools the heavy going was a handicap. In the wind and driving rain, handling and running skills could be nullified by a simplistic tactic favoured in a bygone era, namely that of booting the ball upfield and following up.

Not everyone tried it, but interestingly Millfield did and they had shown themselves to be the most skilful and probably the most experienced seven in the tournament. It was a profitable way of making ground and, once they had won possession, clever running and quick passing led to tries. The winners of five tournaments this season, Millfield, who won here in 1982 and 1983, look good enough to triumph for the third time in four years.

It was unfortunate that Nunthorpe, a promising seven whom Millfield beat by only four points, should find themselves in the same strong group but there were many more schools similarly placed.

Barbarians travel to play Italy

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

The Barbarians, better known for their domestic activities, will play Italy in Rome on May 26. They played Racing Club de France in Paris three years ago, having not previously visited the Continent since before the First World War.

"It is time to broaden our base and perhaps undertake a bit of missionary work", Geoffrey Windsor-Lewis, the Barbarian secretary, said. "It may be difficult to get a fully representative side because all the short tours the home countries undertake affect us more than most, but we hope to take a reasonably strong side."

In May, England will be in New Zealand, Ireland in Japan and Scotland in British Columbia, but the Barbarians can expect support from Wales (where they undertake their annual Easter tour in nine days' time.

Mr Windsor-Lewis will have the opportunity to study the strength of the opposition in Rome when Italy play England B at Twickenham on April 17.

There is already one Italian party in England, the schoolboys who play England's 16-group side at Twickenham today. The Italian boys at Bristol on Sunday, the same day that their English counterparts were beating the Netherlands 34-0 in Hilversum.

SCHOOLS SEVEN-A-SIDE RESULTS

First round.
GROUP A: Windsor 13, Austin Friars 16; Campion 10, St Edward's, Liverpool 4.
GROUP B: Nottingham HS 18, Gunnersbury 0; St Mary's and St Joseph 6, Sir William Borlase 0.
GROUP C: Chislehurst and Sidcup 12, Maidstone 4; King's Macclesfield 12, Bishop Wand 3.
GROUP D: Aylesbury 10, Royal Belfast Al 0; Duke of York's 4, John Fisher 4.
GROUP E: Beverley 0, Judd 32; Magnus 13, Emanuel 0.
GROUP F: Broxbourne 0, Newcastle-under-Lyme 24; Eltham College 16, Hereford CS 0.
GROUP G: Hampton 8, Normanton 18; Sevenoaks 4, Uxbridge 36.
GROUP H: Plymouth 12, King Henry VIII, Coventry 0; Bassaleg 30, William Ellis 0.
GROUP I: St Bees 18, King William (IoM) 4; King's, Worcester 20, Mount St Mary's 0.
GROUP J: Reigate 26, Latymer Upper 0; Queen Elizabeth 10, RGS High Wycombe 16.
GROUP K: City of London Freemans 4, Merchant Taylors 12; Belmont Abbey 16, Sir Thomas Picton 0.
GROUP L: Ampleforth 18, London Oratory 10; Solihull 0, Ellesmere 14.

GROUP M: Tiffin 4, Warwick 20; Wimbledon 6, Rhyd Felen 21.
GROUP N: Stonyhurst 12, Neath College 19; King Edward VI, Nuneaton 12, Ruttish 13.
GROUP O: Cwmtawe 4, Wrekin 0; Birkenhead 14, St Olave's 10.
GROUP P: Cowley 8, Tasker Milward 12; RGS Guildford 28, St Edmunds, Ware 4.
GROUP Q: Millfield 18, St George's, Harpenden 0; Manchester GS 0, St Bdyd's 20.

Second Round
GROUP A: Chichester 4, Austin Friars 8; St Edward's, Liverpool 20, Windsor 6.
GROUP B: Whitehaven 4, Gunnersbury 19; Sir William Borlase 4, Nottingham HS 30.
GROUP C: Durham 11, Maidstone 4; Bishop Wand 4, Chislehurst and Sidcup 30.
GROUP D: Wirral 10, Royal Belfast A.I. 9; John Fisher 0, Aylesbury 24.
GROUP E: West Park 8, Judd 8; Emanuel 8 Beverley 12.
GROUP F: St Joseph's, Ipswich 8, Newcastle-under-Lyme 0; Hereford CS 16, Broxbourne 0.
GROUP G: Cheshunt 0, Normanton 12; Llandovery 16, Hampton 10.
GROUP H: St Anselms 8, King Henry VIII, Coventry 4; William Ellis 0, Plymouth 30.
GROUP I: Poynton 4, King William (IoM) 8; Mount St Mary's 4, St Bees 22.
GROUP J: Cardinal Wiseman 6, Latymer Upper 12; RGS High Wycombe 0, Reigate 10.
GROUP K: St Bedes 0, Merchant Taylors 20; Sir Thomas Picton 0, City of London Freemans 18.
GROUP L: Newport Free GS 0, London Oratory 22; Ellesmere 0, Ampleforth 26.

GROUP M: St Mary's, Liverpool 16, Warwick 0; Rhyd Felen 30, Tiffin 4.
GROUP N: Truro 6, Neath College 22; Ruttish 0, Stonyhurst 18.
GROUP O: Verulam 24, Wrekin 8; St Olaves 6, Cwmtawe 12.
GROUP P: St Benedict's 14, Tasker Milward 6; St Edmunds, Ware 6, Cowley 20.
GROUP Q: Nonthorpe 24, S George's, Harpenden 0; St Bdyd's 0, Millfield 28.

Third round
GROUP A: Windsor 8, Chichester 16; Campion 10, Austin Friars 0.
GROUP B: Nottingham HS 16, Whitehaven 0; St Mary's and St Joseph 15, Gunnersbury 4.
GROUP C: Chislehurst and Sidcup 14, Durham 0; King's, Macclesfield 18, Maidstone 0.
GROUP D: Aylesbury 12, Wirral 0; Duke of York's 0, Royal Belfast Al 4.
GROUP E: Beverley 0, West Park 34; Magnus 4, Judd 22.
GROUP F: Broxbourne 0, St Joseph's, Ipswich 40; Eltham College 14, Newcastle-under-Lyme 4.
GROUP G: Hampton 4, Cheshunt 12; Sevenoaks 0, Normanton 10.
GROUP H: Plymouth 16, St Anselm's 8; Bassaleg 30, King Henry VIII, Coventry 0.
GROUP I: St Bees 20, Poynton 0; King's, Worcester 30, King William (IoM) 6.
GROUP J: Reigate 20, Cardinal Wiseman 0; Queen Elizabeth 0, Latymer Upper 10.
GROUP K: City of London Freemans 20, St Bede's 6; Belmont Abbey 10, Merchant Taylors 4.
GROUP L: Ampleforth 42, Newport Free GS 0; Solihull 6, London Oratory 6.
GROUP M: Tiffin 8, St Mary's, Liverpool 12; Wimbledon 10, Warwick 22.
GROUP N: Stonyhurst 8, Truro 4; King VI, Nuneaton 6, Neath College 24.
GROUP O: Cwmtawe 12, Verulam 8; Birkenhead 20, Wrekin 0.
GROUP P: Cowley 14, St Benedict's 0; RGS Guildford 13, Tasker Milward 6.
GROUP Q: Millfield 4, Nunthorpe 0; Manchester GS 14, St George's, Harpenden 8.

Fourth round
GROUP A: St Edward's, Liverpool 15 Chichester 0; Windsor 0, Campion 30.
GROUP B: Sir William Borlase 18, Whitehaven 20; Nottingham HS 16, St Mary's and St Joseph 0.
GROUP C: Bishop Wand 0, Durham 28; Chislehurst and Sidcup 10, King's Macclesfield 12.
GROUP D: John Fisher 16, Wirral 0; Aylesbury 20, Duke of York's 6.
GROUP E: Emanuel 4, West Park 34; Beverley 4, Magnus 0.
GROUP F: Hereford GS 4, St Joseph's, Ipswich 18, Broxbourne 0, Eltham College 24.
GROUP G: Llandovery 28, Cheshunt 0; Hampton 8, Sevenoaks 0.

CATTERICK BRIDGE

GOING: good to soft
Draw advantage: LOW numbers best up to 7f.

2.15 SPRINGTIME APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£798: 7f) (11 runners)

1	00000-8	O I OYSTON (CD) (J Berry) J Berry 9-9-13	J Carroll 7	7
2	04000/-	WILLIE GAN (H Hewitson) Denys Smith 7-9-10	A Gorman	10
3	00/000-0	SPIGOT SHAFT (B Johnson) Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 5-9-2	Wendy Jones 7	6
4	000300-	MURILLO (B) (F Carr) F Carr 9-9-2	J Carr 7	2
5	000002-	RAPID ACTION (Fyvie Transport) R Holder 4-8-9	A Dicks	8
6	002300-	SHIELA CROCKATT (H.B. Crockatt Ltd.) M W Easterby 4-8-8	S Hurstar 7	11
7	000040-	LATE HOUR (G Smyth) R Hollinshead 5-8-5	R Lappin	5
8	003300-	TRADE HIGH (Northumbria Leisure) I Vickers 6-8-1	G Brown	1
9	000040-	DEBAYO (S Norton) S Norton 5-7-7	-	9
10	000200-	INTO THE WIND (J Owen) Mrs G Revelay 4-7-7	A Shoults	3
11	000000-	ALI'S COMET (D Cooper) B Richmond 3-7-7	P Hill	4

1984: Durham Park 7-9-13 G Brown (8-1) J FitzGerald 19 ran.

7-2 O I Oyston, 4 Sheila Crockatt, 11-2 Rapid Action, 7 Murillo, 8 Late Hour, 10 Willie Gan, 12 Trade High, 14 others.

FORM: WILLIE GAN, fell last time out, previously (8-9) 5l 5th to Indian Raish (8-6) (7f, £4,924, good to firm, Jun 30, 9 ran) MURILLO, no show last time, 2 races earlier (7-10) 2½l 3rd to Royal Trouper (8-5) at York (7f, £3,428, good, Sept 3, 13 ran). RAPID ACTION, (8-11) 3l runner-up to Formido (8-5) at Leicester (7f, £2,239, soft, Nov 5, 14 ran. TRADE HIGH, (9-2) 4½l 3rd to Spoilt For Choice (9-6) at Hamilton (5f, £1,356, soft, Oct 23, 13 ran.
Selection: MURILLO.

Catterick selections

By Mandarin

2.15 O I Oyston 2.45 Blessed Aisle. 3.15 Eastbrook. 3.45 Run East. 4.15 Half Asleep. 4.45 Sequestrator. 5.15 Dona Perfecta.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

4.15 Bondoe. 4.45 Sequestrator. 5.15 National Dress.

By Michael Seely

2.15 O. I. OYSTON (nap). 4.15 Carneades.

2.45 TOTTOP STAKES (2-y-o: £1,006: 5f) (9)

1		BIMINI RIDGE (J Sisterson) G Moore 8-11	R P Elliott	7
2		DANCING TOM (J Turner) T Fairhurst 8-11	C Coates 5	1
3	3	DUBLIN LAD (M Britain) M Britain 8-11	B Coogan	5
4		ERNIE'S BROTHER (Mrs E Morpeth) F Carr 8-11	J Carr 7	3
5		VALDARNO (Mrs E Bradley) D Chapman 8-11	M Wood	6
6		BLESSED AISLE (R Sangster) J W Watts 8-8	B Thomson	9
7		DARING DECO (Mrs M Jarvis) A Jarvis 8-8	T Rogers	2
8		JESSIE ELLIS (Mrs A Daniel) T Barron 8-8	S Webster	8
9		KNIGHT HUNTER (I Hunter) W Wharton 8-8	W Wharton	4
10		MOSSY BELL (P Gwyn) R Holder 8-8	R Fox	9
11		CARNEADES (Timeform Social Club) M H Easterby 8-8	K Hodgson	7
12		SURPRISE ATTACK (E Eldin) E Eldin 8-8	A Mackay	2
13		HYDRANGEA (W Chapman) D Chapman 8-8	S P Griffiths 5	12
14		DUSTY FARLOW (R Morris) R Morris 8-8	S Whitworth 3	4
15		PATCHIT (N Power) D Chapman 8-8	M Wood	13
16		MOSSY BELL (P Gwyn) R Holder 8-8	R Fox	9

1984: Meikleour 5-9-4 S Cauthen (11-4 fav) J FitzGerald 14 ran.

100-30 Red Duster, 4 Val Climber, 5 Tinoco, 13-2 Bondoe, 8 Half Asleep, 10 Secret Finale.

FORM: SUPPERS READY, unplaced final start, earlier (9-2) 4½l 5th of 12 to Dancing Affair (10-0) at Salisbury (1m 6f, £2,297, good to firm, Aug 16). VAL CLIMBER in rear Doncaster last week, last season (8-4) 1l 2nd of 11 to Treasure Hunter (8-5) at Nottingham (2m £3,762, good, Oct 1) with TINOCO (8-2) 2½l away 5th. VAL CLIMBER, earlier (9-10) beat SECRET FINALE (8-7) a neck over course and distance (£1,675, firm, May 2, 11 ran), with HYDRANGEA (8-5) 5l away 4th. RED DUSTER in rear Doncaster last week, last season (9-3) about 2½l 4th of 13 to Maladhu (8-8) at Edinburgh (1m 4f, £1,982, good Oct 8). HALF ASLEEP, unplaced final start, earlier (8-5) 3l 2nd of 15 to In The Shade (8-5) at Redcar (1m 4f mdn, £686, good to soft, Nov 1), with BONDOE (8-11) about ½l away 4th. BOHEMOND, unplaced final start, earlier (9-0) about 7½l 4th of 7 to No No Girl (8-11) at Newcastle (9f mdn, £2,050, good to firm, July 28).
Selection: TINOCO.

3.15 'SEE IT LIVE' IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (£1,213: 6f) 3)

1	020000-	SON OF RAJA (B Peters) D Chapman 5-9-10	S P Griffiths 5	8
2	002000-	LADY CARA (J Berry) J Berry 5-9-8	S Horsfall 5	12
3	440144-	TANG DANCER (D) (D Chapman) D Chapman 4-9-4	M Wood	7
4	020000-	GODS SOLUTION (P Jones) T Barron 4-9-3	S Webster	10
5	001000-	GUNNER ROYAL (CD) (J Ridgeon) H Wharton 4-9-1	G Gosney	11
7	000000-	TRIAD TREBLE (B) (CD) (Triad Garages Ltd.) Hbt Jones 4-8-11	T Ives	3
8	000030-	UPTOWN GIRL (Mrs J Lockwood) J Smith 5-8-11	A Mackay	1
9	000000-	LORD SINCLAIR (Sinclair Developments) M Lambert 3-8-10	D Oldham	12
10	002/00-0	BALLAKAN (M Elder) I Harris 5-8-9	A Proud	5
11	40/0020-	SHANOUSKA (T) (Mrs F Morris) J Harris 5-8-6	W Ryan 3	13
12	030444-	EASTBROOK (M H Easterby) M H Easterby 5-8-4	M Birch	4
13	000000-	WILMA RUDOLPH (B) (A Duffield) N Tinkler 4-8-3	L Charnock	6
14	400200-	MONTAGU MISS (R Graham) G Moore 3-8-2	N Carlisle	9

1984: Ibolyan Sound 5-8-1 C Ollivier (8-1) S Norton 13 ran.

3 Eastbrook, 7-2 Tang Dancer, 5 Gunner Royal, 13-2 Gods Solution, 8 Lady Cara, 12 Montagu Miss, 14 Shanouska, 16 others.

FORM: TANG DANCER, 5½l 4th (8-7) to Music Machine (8-3) last time, earlier (9-0) beat Natine-May (8-8) 9½l in Newcastle seller (5f, £1,429, good to firm, Aug 25, 15 ran). GOOD SOLUTION, out of first 10 (final 3 starts, earlier (8-0) 3l 2nd of 15 to Sasgerdie (8-11) at Beth (5f, £1,578, good, June 4). UPTOWN GIRL, 7l 6th (9-1) to Formido (8-5) last time, previously (8-3) 2½l 3rd of 14 to Miss Rapid (7-7) at Edinburgh (7f, £1,844, good, Oct 30). TRAID TREBLE was 9th. Previously TRIAD TREBLE (8-1) 4½l 5th of 20 to Jocoran (9-6) here (7f, £1,550, good to soft, Oct 19). SHANOUSKA, out of first 10 first start, previously (8-10) 1l 2nd of 12 to Lord Scrap (8-11) at Lingfield (5f, £1,889, good, Aug 10). EASTBROOK (8-3) 3l 4th of 23 to Owing Steven (8-12) in Newmarket seller (6f, £3,193, good, Nov 1).
Selection: EASTBROOK.

3.45 FORCETT PARK SELLING STAKES (£1,139: 7f) (16)

7	000000-	KILTTALEY (J Neville) R Holder 4-9-4	R Fox	8
8	0000/P0-	RISBLE STAR (W C Watts) W C Watts 4-9-4	P Shrimpton	5
9	040000-	ROSE D'ANJOU (Regent Decorators) J Johnson 4-9-4	S Whitworth 3	1
11	0/04000-	TUFTED LOCKS (F Barlow) D Yeoman 4-9-4	-	7
12	0000-	BRAMPTON IMPERIAL (W Swiers) D Chapman 3-8-6	M Wood	14
14	0-	HENRY'S PLACE (M Hill) D Chapman 3-8-6	J Lowe	4
15	0-	MICKEY FINN (S Goodchild) M Lambert 3-8-6	D Oldham	16
16		RUN FOR FRED (F Barlow) J Parkes 3-8-6	S Webster	12
17	000040-	WHOKNOWSTHEBOWLER (J Abbey) A W Jones 3-8-6	T Rogers	13
18	000000-	DADEKA DAWES (G Dawes) G Moore 3-8-3	A Proud	6
20	000000-	EMMAZEBDA (B Preston) J Parkes 3-8-3	R P Elliott	2
21	00-	GREY CORAL (Mrs J Seed) T Fairhurst 3-8-3	C Coates 5	9
22	0-	LADY GRIM (J Davis) W Wharton 3-8-3	W Wharton	11
24	0040-0	RONANS PEARL (R Reynolds) J Kentswell 3-8-3	S P Griffiths 5	10
25	010-	RUN EASY (I Vickers) I Vickers 3-8-3	M Hills	15
26	000-0	SUDDEN LIGHT (B) (J Murray) Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 3-8-3	J Williams	3

1984: Eastforn 4-9-11 D Nicholls (5-1 jt-fav) D Chapman 20 ran.

4 Rose D'Anjou, 9-2 Kittalay, 5 Run Easy, 6 Ronans Pearl, 8 Whoknowsthebowler.

FORM: KILTTALEY, no better than 7th last 3 starts, earlier (7-9) about 2½l 6th to Royaber (8-5) at Chepstow (7f, £1,555, hard, Aug 28). BRAMPTON IMPERIAL (9-0) out of first 9 in Yarmouth maiden won by Heraldiste (9-0) (7f, £1,452, soft, Sept 20, 20 ran). HENRY'S PLACE (8-9) always rear division in Newmarket event behind Verdance (8-9) (8f, £2,750, good, Nov 2, 14 ran). MICKLEY FINN (9-0) out of first 10 behind Great Reef (9-0) at Doncaster (6f, £1,449, good, to soft, May 28, 22 ran). RUN EASY, 9th (8-9) to Sally O'Brien (8-11) in claiming race in which LADY GRIM (8-9) finished out of the first 10. Previously (8-8) beat Hideadeeboo (8-11) an easy 1½l in Haydock seller (6f, £1,364, soft, Oct 18, 4 ran).
Selection: RUN EASY.

4.15 YARM HANDICAP (£1,326: 1m 7f 180yd) (15)

1	40/0000-	SUPPER'S READY (Mrs M Smith) W Morris 7-9-10	W Morris	5
2	02000-0	VAL CLIMBER (CD) (G Nicholls) R Stubbs 7-9-6	M Beecroft	11
3	03340-8	RED DUSTER (CD) (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 5-9-5	S Webster	10
4	000320-	HALF ASLEEP (N Hetherton) W Elsey 4-9-4	J Lowe	6
5	000240-	BONDOE (L Keeley) R Williams 5-9-2	T Ives	1
6	400400-	BOHEMOND (Ld Durham) Denys Smith 4-9-0	M Fry	3
7	120000/	FASCADALE (Mrs A Leggat) J FitzGerald 11-9-0	N Connorton	14
8	000340-	TINOCO (Mrs J Bigg) R Hollinshead 5-8-12	S Parks	8
10	20400/2-	SECRET FINALE (F West) M Lambert 5-8-7	D Oldham	15
11	000000/	CARNEADES (Timeform Social Club) M H Easterby 5-8-7	K Hodgson	7
13	00/0000-	SURPRISE ATTACK (E Eldin) E Eldin 4-8-5	A Mackay	2
14	030000-	HYDRANGEA (W Chapman) D Chapman 6-8-4	S P Griffiths 5	12
15	230020/	DUSTY FARLOW (R Morris) R Morris 6-8-4	S Whitworth 3	4
16	300000/	PATCHIT (N Power) D Chapman 6-8-4	M Wood	13
18	0/0000-	MOSSY BELL (P Gwyn) R Holder 5-8-3	R Fox	9

1984: Meikleour 5-9-4 S Cauthen (11-4 fav) J FitzGerald 14 ran.

100-30 Red Duster, 4 Val Climber, 5 Tinoco, 13-2 Bondoe, 8 Half Asleep, 10 Secret Finale.

FORM: SUPPERS READY, unplaced final start, earlier (9-2) 4½l 5th of 12 to Dancing Affair (10-0) at Salisbury (1m 6f, £2,297, good to firm, Aug 16). VAL CLIMBER in rear Doncaster last week, last season (8-4) 1l 2nd of 11 to Treasure Hunter (8-5) at Nottingham (2m £3,762, good, Oct 1) with TINOCO (8-2) 2½l away 5th. VAL CLIMBER, earlier (9-10) beat SECRET FINALE (8-7) a neck over course and distance (£1,675, firm, May 2, 11 ran), with HYDRANGEA (8-5) 5l away 4th. RED DUSTER in rear Doncaster last week, last season (9-3) about 2½l 4th of 13 to Maladhu (8-8) at Edinburgh (1m 4f, £1,982, good Oct 8). HALF ASLEEP, unplaced final start, earlier (8-5) 3l 2nd of 15 to In The Shade (8-5) at Redcar (1m 4f mdn, £686, good to soft, Nov 1), with BONDOE (8-11) about ½l away 4th. BOHEMOND, unplaced final start, earlier (9-0) about 7½l 4th of 7 to No No Girl (8-11) at Newcastle (9f mdn, £2,050, good to firm, July 28).
Selection: TINOCO.

4.45 E.B.F. ORAN MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £730: 5f) (9)

2	0	SEQUESTRATOR (G Nunn) W Musson 9-0	T Ives	9
5		COOPER RACING NAIL (Cooper Horseshoe) J Berry 8-11	K Darley	8
6		FARIDA FAIR (Mrs B Carrington) J Watts 8-11	N Connorton	7
7		GELINE (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch	1
9		LADY CHANTRY (T Barron) T Barron 8-11	S Webster	6
10		RUNNING RAINBOW (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-11	B Coogan	2
11		SANDY FURNESS (M Watterson) J Glover 8-11	D McKeown	4
13		WINDSTREAKER (J West) Denys Smith 8-11	M Fry	5
14		ZABELINA (P Cosgrave) A Jarvis 8-11	T Rogers	3

2 Geline, 11-4 Farida Fair, 5 Sequestrator, 7 Running Rainbow, 10 Windstreaker, 12 others.

5.15 WHORLTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £684, 1m 4f 40yd) (7)

1	0000-	BRANDON GREY (Mrs V Coleman) Denys Smith 8-11	M Fry	1
2	0-	CLASSIC PROFILE (R Sangster) J W Watts 8-11	B Thomson	4
3	000000-	DIAPHANTINE (B) (R Reynolds) J Kettlewell 8-11	C Dwyer	2
4	3-	LADY EUROLINK (A Tang) K Brassey 8-11	S Whitworth 3	7
5		LUCILLE ASTIK (S Norgate) T Barron 8-11	S Webster	6
7		NATIONAL DRESS (A Lavell) R Williams 8-11	T Ives	5
9	00-	VERBADING (Mrs M Brook) S Norton 8-11	J Lowe	3

1984: Kolomeisky Palace 8-11 S Cauthen (7-4) B Hills 8 ran.

7-4 Dona Perfecta, 3 Classic Profile, 8-2 National Dress, 6 Verbading, 10 Brandon Grey.

FORM: CLASSIC PROFILE (8-11) 11½l 5th of 6 to Double Sandbags (8-11) 4½l (5-11) at Haydock (6f, £2,441, firm, July 7). DONA PERFECTA (8-2) 4½l 3rd of 16 to Ben's Surprise (7-13) at Doncaster (7f, £676, good Aug 2).
Selection: DONA PERFECTA.

HUNTINGDON

GOING: Soft

2.30 SANDY NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,172: 2m 4f) (22 runners)

8	0304	DEEP ECHO (BF) (M van der Woude) N Henderson 5-10-12	J White	
11	p3-0030	HOMEWARD (D Larke) Mrs N Smith 5-10-12	R Dunwoody	
14		INDIAN OFFICER (D Cavendish-Pell) Mrs M Dickinson 5-10-12	G Bradley	
16	p	JIMBINY QUICKIT (Ld Chelsea) T Forster 7-10-12	H Davies	
17	p00	JON PIPER (J Howard) B Morgan 7-10-12	G Williams 4	
18	00223	KAMAL SIDDIQI (A Cathcart) M Lambert 5-10-12	P A Charlton	
19	400-0	KUSHSHOON (A Gravshon) S Wiles 5-10-12	S Charlton	
20	ppp	LADBROKES LEISURE (Sloane Bloodst

CRICKET

Bailey's innings an oasis for barren England

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates (Reuter) – Pakistan forced England into fourth place in the four-nations limited-overs tournament for the Rothmans Trophy yesterday. Pakistan batted first and, largely due to their captain, Javed Miandad, who scored 71, and Mudassar Nazar (36), made 175 for seven in their allotted 50 overs. England never surpassed three runs an over, well short of Pakistan's rate of 3.5, and were all out for 132 with 10 balls remaining.

Imran Khan and Wasim Akram restrained England from the start and the target seemed less and less attainable as the innings went on. The first wicket fell in the seventh over when Tahir bowled Robinson for nine, and Fowler fell seven overs later.

When Shoaib Mohammad, with his third ball of the tournament, bowled Colin Wells in the nineteenth over, England's run rate had been dawdling at only one an over for 20 minutes. Robert Bailey, making his international debut, raised England's hopes for a brief spell, but his partnership with Derek Pringle ended in the thirtieth over with the total 76.

England showed no signs of haste. Bailey scored singles while his partners came and went with alarming rapidity. Bruce French looked capable of making a significant contribution but was out for seven. England's 44-year-old stand-in captain, Norman Gifford, who had earlier taken four for 23, had trouble sighting Imran Khan's faster deliveries and fell without scoring.

The innings ended in the 49th over when Pat Pocock was run out out in a mix-up over a quick run, leaving Bailey unbeaten on 41.

Miandad was named man of the match for his half-century, the first of the tournament. He and Mudassar put on 64 in 71 minutes for the fourth wicket. They were helped by some dropped catches and sloppy fielding



Bailey: resistance

PAKISTAN

Mudassar Nazar c French b Gifford	36
Mohsin Khan c Robinson b Pringle	13
Rameez Raja c Robinson b Pringle	18
*Javed Miandad c Gifford b Edmonds	71
Salim Malik lbw b Gifford	2
Imran Khan c Pringle b Gifford	0
Shoaib Mohammad st French b Gifford	3
†Ashraf Ali not out	19
Tahir Naqqash not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 9, nb 3)	13
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	175

Tauseef Ahmed and Wasim Akram, did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–24, 2–43, 3–107, 4–113, 5–113, 6–125, 7–172. BOWLING: Ellison, 7–1–18–0; Pringle, 7–1–32–2; Edmonds, 10–0–47–1; Pocock, 10–1–20–0; Gifford, 10–0–23–4; Bailey, 6–0–25–0

ENGLAND

G Fowler c Miandad b Tauseef	19
R T Robinson b Tahir	9
M D Moxon b Shoaib	11
C M Wells b Shoaib	5
R J Bailey not out	41
D R Pringle b Akram	13
P H Edmonds c and b Shoaib	3
R M Ellison b Akram	3
†B N French c Shoaib b Tahir	7
*N Gifford c Miandad b Imran	0
P I Pocock run out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 12, nb 4)	17
Total (48.2 overs)	132

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–19, 2–35, 3–48, 4–49, 5–76, 6–89, 7–98, 8–117, 9–132.

BOWLING: Imran, 9–2–26–1; Akram, 10–0–28–2; Tahir, 9.2–1–20–2; Tauseef, 10–1–25–1; Shoaib, 10–1–20–3.

Greenidge set to return

Bridgetown, Barbados (AP) – West Indies have included their opening batsmen Gordon Greenidge and fast bowler Malcolm Marshall, both out of the team recently because of injuries, in a squad of 13 for the First Test match against New Zealand, starting in Trinidad on Friday.

Greenidge played in the first one-day international of the series in Antigua last week but withdrew from the second, scheduled for Port of Spain today, complaining of recurring back trouble. A back strain forced him to miss the recent one-day tournament in Australia.

Marshall ruled himself unfit for the first two one-day internationals because of sore knees. Greenidge and Marshall will be subjected to fitness tests before play, but both have told the selectors they are now fit.

TEAM (from): I V A Richards (captain), C G Greenidge, D L Haynes, R B Richardson, H A Gomes, A L Logie, P J Dujon, R A Harper, M D Marshall, M A Holding, J Garner, C A Walsh and W W Davis.

Record profit

Essex, the Britannic Assurance champions and John Player Special League champions, made a record profit of £83,215 last season and donations from the Essex Development Association and other sources raised a further £48,375. Keith Fletcher has been reappointed the county's captain for the twelfth time with Graham Gooch appointed vice-captain.

Sun run

Middlesex basmen have a chance to earn a novel bonus this summer. Their top scorer in the Britannic Assurance county championship will receive a week's holiday for two as far away in miles as the number of runs he accumulates.

● Kent have arranged pre-season cricket games against Essex at Chelmsford on Friday April 19 (11.0) and against Sussex at Canterbury on April 22, 23 (11.0).

A 7ft superman and the climax to college basketball

Hero who inspires poets and paranoia

SPORT IN AMERICA
Sue Mott



Ewing in action looks set to dominate play-offs

Hyperbole being the normal mode of expression in American sport, it would be incredible if a character came along who managed to fit his inflated billing. He would have to be at least 7ft tall, an Olympic gold medal winner, kind to his mother and destined for very great wealth. Believe it or not, such a character exists. He is Patrick Ewing.

Ewing, who is affectionately known as "The Terminator", plays basket ball for Georgetown University, a Jesuit college in Washington DC that once had about as much pretension to being national college champions as to winning the Kentucky Derby.

On Monday, April Fools' Day, the university team – the Georgetown Hoyas – will be in Lexington, Kentucky, not for the Derby but for a one-horse race called the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships, when they will be formally crowned as the best college basketball team in the country for the second successive year.

The opposition, for what it is worth, will be Memphis State or Villanova, who contest their semi-final on Saturday. On the same day, Georgetown play their semi-final against the St John's Redmen, of New York, but it is a measure of the Hoyas' superiority that their rivals have resorted to voodoo, not tactics, to challenge them.

"We're wearing red", a St John's player said. "Georgetown have not beaten us in red yet. Keep that in mind."

St John's coach, Lou Carnesecca, will swelter through the game in the same patterned ski jumper he wore when his team earned a place in the final four with a three-point win in Salt Lake City over Arkansas in the second round.

These are classic symptoms of "Hoya paranoia", a condition which manifests itself through such symptoms as a tendency to clutch at feeble superstition, the sporting of ghastly sweaters, on-court paralysis of rearguard defenders and the petrification of normally potent attacks. The man primarily responsible for this national neurosis is a 22-year-old with an eight-foot "wingspan" – Patrick Aloysius Ewing.

Even as a schoolboy in Boston, Ewing so exhausted the local sportswriters' bank of superlatives that the dance critic was despatched to report instead, leaving for posterity the observation of Ewing's gift of flowing, creaseless movement".

But "creaseless" is not the state in which rival players are left after a few minutes on court with Ewing. His glowering demeanour and taciturn nature have combined with ferocious basketball skills, particularly in defence, to turn him – exaggerating only slightly – into the latest terror of the Western world. It is even suggested that his inclusion in the US Olympic team last summer, which went on to win the gold medal, may have been the real reason for the Soviet boycott.

On the strength of his supposed malevolence and obvious on-court dominance, Ewing's reputation has soared and the professional league, the National Basketball Association (NBA), has taken the unprecedented step of changing its regulations because of him. When the college draft is held next June, in which Ewing is certain to be the No 1 pick, the team with the worst record this season will not be allowed first choice (as has always been the case under the draft system). Instead a lottery will be held for first pick amongst the seven clubs that do not make the play-offs. Why? Because the NBA feared that its clubs would be throwing games just to be bad enough to deserve Patrick Ewing next season.

What Ewing thinks about all this is anybody's guess. Coach Thompson operates a system of protectionism so powerful it is a wonder he has not earned the censure of his free-trading neighbour, Ronald Reagan. Its design is to preserve young Ewing from the media; its effect, however, has been to allow serious misrepresentation of the athlete.

In 1981, at a state championship match against Boston College, fans set up a chorus of "Ewing can't read", a jibe which has haunted him ever since. Certainly his education was hampered by his movement from Jamaica to the United States at the age of 12, when he left a budding career as a soccer goalkeeper for "slam-dunking" a spectacular basketball shooting technique in a Massachusetts playground. He is expected, however, to graduate from Georgetown with full academic honours, and even professes a fondness for painting. "I do landscapes", he once said.

An award-winning television documentary, *Patrick Ewing and an American Dream*, explored the origins of hostility to the player and concluded it came from misunderstanding and racial prejudice. The Hoyas are an all-black team with a black coach.

But if detractors suggest that Georgetown's aggressive style of play somehow reflects racial tensions, others see its source in Thompson's career as back-up centre with the Boston Celtics during their hyperbole-deserving era, 1959-66, when they won eight consecutive NBA championships.

The aggression of the current Hoyas is unmistakably a legacy of the Celtic years. Unashamed intimidation marks their game even without Ewing, who is frequently benched to prevent his foul count necessitating his removal from the game.

But, historically speaking, that is just as it should be. The Georgetown nickname has been traced back to corrupt Latin *hoia saxa (qua saxa?)*, literally, "what rocks", in recognition of Georgetown's athletes, many years ago, who were so solid in defence they were known as the "stonewalls".

"In the old days people did not know who the Hoyas were or what Hoyas were", Jeff Craven of the Georgetown old boys' association said. "Now they just want to know where they can get a ticket."

DRESSAGE: STRONG ENTRY FROM MRS LORISTON-CLARKE

Dutch Courage returns for Stoneleigh challenge

By Jenny MacArthur

Jennie Loriston-Clarke, Britain's leading dressage rider, is set to catch the selectors' eye with an entry of three horses in the grand prix class of the Dressage Selection trials, sponsored by Orion Airways. The three-day trials start today at the British Equestrian Centre at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

A strong entry in all four classes underlines the key part these trials play in the dressage year. They not only give the selectors the first chance to see how last year's promising partnerships have progressed during their winter training, but also give an early pointer towards the form of Britain's top international riders from whom the teams for international competition will be picked.

Uppermost in the minds of the selectors are the European Championships in Denmark in August, where a good performance would help to restore confidence after Britain's disappointing team results at Los Angeles.

One of Mrs Loriston-Clarke's rides is Dutch Courage, the 16-year-old flagship of her team, who has not been seen in public since he was afflicted by the mystery virus which prevented him from going to Los Angeles. Dutch Courage will have only a handful of outings this year and the European Championships are likely to be his final appearance on the international scene.



Loriston-Clarke: outing

However his son, the nine-year-old Dutch Gold, also entered for Friday's grand prix, is already showing signs of being a worthy successor. He came fourth in his first grand prix test at the pre-selection trials earlier this month where he also won the Intermediate II and the Free style to Music competition.

Mrs Loriston-Clarke's third ride is the 10-year-old, White Christmas, owned by her sponsors, Masterlock. White Christmas will be competing at this level for the first time.

Other grand prix contenders who have already impressed are Lady Joicey with Powdermonkey and Diana Mason with Prince Consort, the nine-year-old horse whose training was dramatically stepped up last summer when he was picked as Dutch Courage's replacement in the Olympic team.

This will be his first grand prix of the season, having missed the earlier trials because of a virus which brought his temperature up to 104 degrees. A similar virus also struck Jane Wilson-Bartle's Olympic horse, Pinocchio, and her brother Christopher's Honey Tangle, but both are fully recovered and will compete this week.

Bartle's top horse, Wily Trout, on whom he finished equal sixth at Los Angeles, will miss the grand prix because he is giving a display at Aintree as part of the race course's special Equestrian Day.

Lesser known partnerships that could cause an upset in form on Friday are Arnhem, ridden by Jackie Farlow, and Frances Rudge's talented Florida Flash. Alan Doxey and the German bred Wengel head an impressive entry for today's Prix St Georges class, in which the selectors will be looking out for new talent.

TENNIS

Stakes raised again for champions at Antwerp

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Coreresponden

Prize money for the 24-man European Champions' Championship, to be played in Antwerp from October 28 to November 3, has been increased to $850,000 (about £714,280). This singles-only tournament, played indoors, was inaugurated in 1982 with a prize fund of $700,000 that has been raised by $50,000 every year. This year's champion will receive £168,067 for winning four or five singles (eight seeded players received byes into the second round).

By comparison the Wimbledon champion will earn £130,000 by winning seven matches and the 128 players in the men's singles will contest a total of £676,880. The ECC has to offer huge prize money in order to tempt the players, because it is a new and independent tournament from which competitors can earn no ranking points and do nothing to improve their chances of earning grand prix bonuses.

Last year the ECC showed a profit for the first time, on a budget of about £2.33 million, and attracted 112,162 spectators. This crowd figure was surpassed only by the United States, Wimbledon and French championships, all of which are played outdoors and last a week longer than the ECC.

The tournament serves a wider purpose by encouraging the top men to play in Europe, because the basic qualification for entry is winning a grand prix tournament played in Europe during a fixed 12-month period. This year the last qualifying tournament will be at Kitzbühel from August 5-11.

Ivan Lendl (last year's winner), John McEnroe (the 1983 champion), Mats Wilander, Anders Jarryd, Joakim Nystrom, Vitas Gerulaitis, Miloslav Mecir, Mark Dickson and Tim Wilkison have already qualified.

● A successful United States tournament will cross the Atlantic this year, introducing to Britain a father-and-son event jointly sponsored by Remington, Fila and Diadora. The tournament will be opened to all father-and-son teams except for players who have competed in the main draw at Wimbledon. The 16 regional winners will have an expenses-paid trip to Alicante in southern Spain for the final rounds in November.

Budding events

The Lawn Tennis Association is to spend another £20,000 on a second-tier series of spring tournaments.

The spring international circuit, which carries world computer ranking points, begins with the British Home Stores tournament at the Cumberland Club, London, on April 16 before moving on to four other venues.

Each of these events will be preceded by a pre-qualifying tournament and included among these for the first time is the Peterborough tournament at the Court Tennis Centre from April 22-27.

CYCLING

Webster and Sanders head squads

By John Wilcockson

Two strong amateur selections were announced yesterday by the British Cycling Federation to challenge the six teams of professionals in next month's Sealink International race. Two men who rode well at the 1984 Olympic Games, Darryl Webster and Peter Sanders, head the squads.

Webster raced impressively to finish fourth in last year's Sealink race, but will be hard pressed to improve on that. Last year's first and second, the professionals Malcolm Elliott and Tony Doyle, showed in the Eastbourne to London race last Sunday that they are already in good form. Other professionals riding well inclued the Australian, Shane Sutton, and Graham Jones.

In the Great Britain team, Webster has the support of the experienced Peter Longbottom and Jeff Williams, both of whom should be at home on a 500-mile route that will criss-cross the Pennines and the Peak District between Rotherham on April 15 and Kirkby near Liverpool, on April 20.

Williams's brother, Mike, will make an unexpected appearance in the race. This unsponsored professional is to be signed on a short-term contract by the Percy Dalton-Condor team to ride alongside Bob Downs, a former winner of the race, and Neil Martin, last year's national amateur champion.

GREAT BRITAIN: P Bateman, A Gornall, P Longbottom, D Webster, P Wilkins, J Williams. ENGLAND: N Barnes, K Reynolds, P Sanders, A Timms, M Gornall, P Watson.

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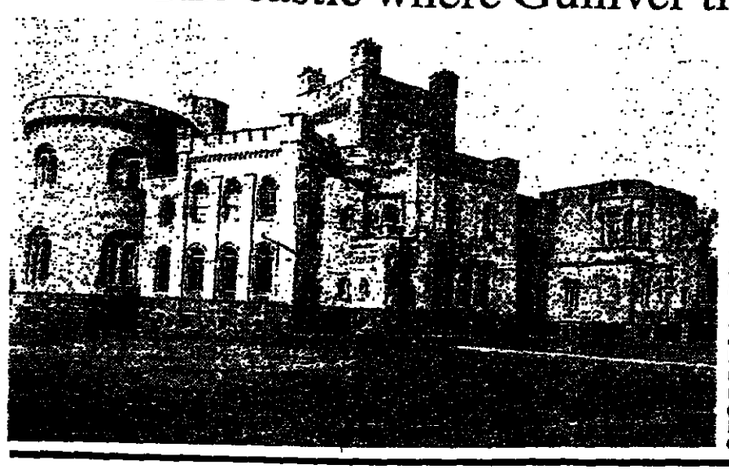
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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/2

The castle where Gulliver travelled



Gosford Castle, Co Armagh, now on sale for around £500,000, is reputedly Ireland's largest castle. It was designed by Thomas Hopper in 1819 for the 2nd Earl of Gosford, and took 20 years to complete, costing more than £200,000 when the builder's average weekly wage was 6d. The previous Gosford Castle, burned down in 1805, was where Swift wrote *Gullivers Travels*; and the present castle, restored and converted to a hotel, has a Dean Swift Room. The castle, with 12-bedrooms, suites and staff quarters, and large state rooms, could be a school, museum, hotel, business centre or private residence, and is for sale through Mann and Company (Weybridge 57077) and Brian Morton and Co, of Newtonards, Co Down (0247 814144).

Fore sale: Golfer's cottage complete with a bunker

■ Nick Faldo, England's leading golfer, is selling Tudor Cottage, Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire, complete with practice bunker in the garden. The house was probably built in the early 17th century and retains much of the original exposed timberwork. It was extended in the 19th century to include the small village school, eventually becoming one large house.

Tudor Cottage has six bedrooms and two bathrooms plus a grand drawing room with its adjacent dining room and games room, and Humberts (01-629 6700) are expecting around £200,000.

■ **Keen golfers will also be interested in houses and flats at Gleneagles. The 62 - home development, from one bedroom flats to custom-built family homes, cost from £34,000 to £250,000, and are for sale through Keith Cardale Groves (01-631 3555).**

■ The Chelsea mews house in which Agatha Christie lived for 35 years, from 1929, is for sale through Knight Frank and Rutley for around £245,000. Christie Cottage in Cresswell Place, inspired works such as *Murder in the Mews*. When she bought it, the cottage was still a stable with loose boxes. It now includes a sitting room, dining room, three bedrooms and a bathroom, with a small study at the top of the house.

■ **An unusual working artist's or sculptor's studio in Burlington Studios, Buer Road, London SW6, is for sale through Farrar Stead and Glyn's Fulham office (01-731 4391) at £310,000 for a 995 year renewable lease. Burlington Lodge was the site of a women's prison, then a bottling factory before its conversion.**

Builders delight as land tax is scrapped

The Budget was a disappointment to those in the property world who were expecting or hoping for some radical announcement. Increasing interest rates generally, and in particular the rise in mortgage rates, have dampened confidence both for builders and potential house buyers in the early months of this year, and nobody wanted anything worse from the Budget.

So the announcement of the abolition of Development Land Tax raised at least half a cheer. The House Builders Federation went all the way and welcomed it. Its president, Mr Graham Pye, said it would undoubtedly encourage landowners who had been withholding land from the market to sell it for development.

"The small loss to the Exchequer will be peanuts compared with the value of the building work that will follow", he said.

Pearsons, estate agents across the south of England, explained the consequences. Mr Richard Williscroft said that although the rise in house prices was greatly affected by the price of land, during the past year residential building land prices had risen in some cases by over 30 per cent, generally at about three times the pace of house price increases.

"This has been due partly to planning problems and delays, but also by the scarcity factor because of the penal 60 per cent rate of DLT. Its abolition will inevitably bring more land to the market where the forces of supply and demand will surely see some stabilization of land prices, which must be good news to everybody including the eventual purchasers of the new houses."

The HBF had told the Chancellor last autumn that it cost both householders and the Exchequer about £14 million a year to collect less than £20 million of the tax "making DLT on developers probably the most inefficient tax ever invented."

Its abolition has not, Mr Pye pointed out, solved the land supply problem, which to builders lies at the heart of their problem. He criticized planning policies at local level, which he claimed inhibited land supply for new houses.

"Until the Government acts decisively to introduce a new planning framework, house prices will continue to rise beyond the pockets of many first time buyers," he said.

Savills commented that while the abolition of DLT meant a considerable savings in tax payable, it did not mean that the saving would be the full 60 per cent of realized development value. Capital Gains Tax would still be be payable although, with the new provision relating to March 1982 values, the impact of this tax would also be reduced.

They described the changes in Capital Gains Tax as disapointing, because although the Chancellor was only taxing real gains since 1982. On a 500 acre farm purchased in 1965, the likely capital gains tax saving on a sale under the new rules would be in the region of £40,000, Savills estimate.

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BIRTHS

DESSAIN.–On March 25th, in Jersey, to Rosy (nee Remuent) and Anthony–a daughter (Alexandra Elizabeth).

DUNCAN. – On March 8, 1985, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Fiona and Michael, a son, Rory James Greig.

FIRTH.–On March 15th, to Melinda and Hugh–a son (Nicholas Benjamin Shaw), grandson to Rosemary and Raymond Firth and Meike Shaw. Special thanks to Princess Mary staff.

GAINZA-BERKBERG - On 24th March at St Mary's Hospital, Lindo Wing, To Sarita (nee Herrera Vargas) and Max, a son Max brother to Zelmira and Marcus.

HEATHCOAT AMORY. – On March 25, at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, to Harmony (nee Lyell) and Charles, a son, Toby Derick, a brother for Simon.

HUSBARD – On the 24th March at Farnborough Hospital, to Sarah and Peter, a son, Daniel Peter.

KANE – On March 24th to Vanessa and Leanne a son Rory George

LEVY. – On March 26th, to Patricia and Martin–a daughter Jessica Agnes.

MILLINGTON BUCK – On March 18th, to Mary and Ben, a son, Edward Sean

MORRIS On March 8th in Reaune, France to Yaela (nee Nomm) and Richard – a second son (Benjamin Michael Joseph)

ORMSBY – On March 14th 1985 at West London Hospital, Hammersmith to Sue and Lynne (nee Johnson Jones) and Jonathan, their first child a son (Oliver David Anthony)

PLATT. – On March 21, to the Hon Louise (nee Lascelles) and Roland, a daughter Ann Catherine

PLUNKETT – On March 22nd at West Hill Hospital, Wimbledon, to Mary (nee Mulligan), a daughter Astrid Penelope sister to Olivia and Edward.

PRESTON – On March 4th at Summerlee Court, Dorchester, to Laurence and Anthony, a daughter Louise.

RAWSTORNE. – On March 12, at Inverness, to Judith (nee Rymer) and Andrew, a son, Edward Charles Clark a brother for Helena and a timeous birthday present for AFR

ROBERTS. – On March 20, to Ruth (nee Packard) and Martin, a daughter, Catherine Johanna Dickin, a sister for Anne and Sarah

ROBINSON – On March 23rd to Bonnie (nee Lucas) and Oliver, a daughter, Beatrice.

ROWSELL – On 26th March at Dunstres to Alison (nee Whamond) and Vere, a son, a brother for Natalie and Katharine.

THATCHER – On March 18th at St Mary's, Paddington, to Hazel and David a son Benjamin.

VOLLER. – On March 12, to Diana (nee Shaw) and Anthony, a daughter, Caroline Emma

WHEATLAND On February 20th to Sarah and Martin – a daughter (Gemma) sister for Alexandra

WOOD. – On March 19th, to Susan (nee Berry) and Michael, a son, Adam Nicholas Fullarnes.

WILLIAMS – On March 20th, to Alice (nee Tanner) and Roger – a son, Joseph.

BIRTHDAYS

DAVISON-HOLMES – Gemma Clare – Happy 3rd Birthday darling from Daddy Derek and Mummy Ellie

DEATHS

BARRY – Suddenly on 22nd March 1985, at St Stephen's Hospital, London Claude Van Reenen, aged 67 years beloved son of the late Fr. and of Phyllis, and dear brother of Madeleine. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane NW11, at 2.10pm on Thursday 28th March. Enquiries to Wm Tookey & Son 01 935 9714

BROWNJOHN – Charles Henry on 23rd March 1985 at The Royal Masonic Hospital, London W6, in his 84th year. Loved and admired husband of Dorothy (nee Mulligan, died 1976), father of Alan and grandfather of Gabriel. Service at St Andrew's Church, Torriden Road, London SE6, at 12 45pm on Thurs. day, 4th April. All friends very welcome. Flowers to Co-operative Funeral Services, 25 Rushey Green, London SE6

COLLINS – Joyce on March 22nd at Melbourne in her 66th year, formerly of Bath. Beloved wife of the late Cecil Collins, dearly loved mother of the late James and of Edward and Diebv loving grandmother and great-grandmother

CROSSLEY – On March 23, peacefully after a short illness Barbara Mary. Her gentle presence greatly missed by children and grandchildren. Funeral April 2 at Tunbridge Church, 2pm

DOWN. – On March 19th 1985 at The Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, Dorset, Frank Ernest Dow M.M., aged 91 years of Abbeyfield House, Sherborne (formerly of Hazelbury Bryan). Funeral service 2.15pm Wednesday March 27th, at Sherborne Baptist Church, followed by cremation at Yeovil. No flowers by request. Inquiries to Eason Funeral Services, Newall, Sherborne Tel Sherborne 813479

EVANS – On March 24th, "Lee" (Lt Col L W B Evans, late 5 Lancs Fus) Sirnia Rifles and Sin Hempu) an R A F). Quietly at Godalming Crematorium at 1pm, Friday March 29th. Guildford Crematorium New Pond Road. Godalming. Flowers to J Corringe and Sons, 148 Godalming 6405. Sadly missed by much loved wife Daphne, son Anthony daughter-in-law Jocelyn and granddaughter Rosalie

FLETCHER. – On 21st March peacefully in a Toronto Hospital, Kathleen (Kay) devoted wife of Henry, mother of David, Michael and Richard, sister of Kevin, Patrick and Geraldine

FOSKETT On 24th March 1985 Mary, beloved wife of Herbert and mother of Bryan and John, at the age of 83, peacefully at her home in Tadworth. Funeral service will be held at St Peter's Walton on the Hill, on Thursday March 28th, at 2.30 p.m. followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, or The British Heart Foundation.

GLANSTER – On Sunday March 24 in New South Wales, Australia, as the result of a tragic accident, Jeremy David, aged 20. Beloved son of Michael and Katy (Glanster before marriage), Jonathan and Francesca, grandson of Eileen. Funeral in Australia. Donations if desired to the Ennisle Disaster Emergency Committee, PO Box 999, London EC3V 9HP

GRANT. – On March 24th, suddenly at Queen Elizabeth's Military Hospital, Woolwich, Col Dennis William (Mike), late Royal Artillery (Ret'd). Very dearly loved husband of Peggy, father of Mike and Jo and Jim, dear father of Johanna. Funeral service at 11 am, 28th March at St Mary's, Stratford, nr Evesham, Worcs. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Cancer Research c/o Viner and Sons Ltd, West Malling, Kent.

HUGHES-HALLETT. – On March 26th, 1985, in his 90th year, Norton Montague Hughes-Hallett, Lt Col., The Kings Shropshire Light Infantry, retd. Much loved and loving husband of Stella, of The Little Manor, Swindon Village, Cheltenham. Funeral service at St Lawrence Church, Swindon Village, on Friday, March 29th at 12 noon. Cremation private. Family flowers only

JAMS – On 26th March, 1985, Enyce Lane, beloved wife of Dennis Lane, mother of Jeremy and Jonathan, and their son, Robert Lane. Service at 11 15am, 1st April, at St Nicholas Church, Chislehurst. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Guys Hospital.

LEMAN. – On March 24th, tragically, Michael George, Private cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Friday, March 29th at 11 am. Followed by a memorial service at St John's Parish Church, Horsmonden, at 12 noon. Please, no flowers, but donations if wished to the East Grinstead Hockey Club

LE NEVE FOSTER, Michael Fermain of Chesham Bois, Buckinghamshire on 26th March, 1985 after a short illness, beloved husband of Patricia and much loved father of Ann and Philippa. Funeral at 11am on Friday, 29th March at St Leonards Church, Chesham Bois. Cut flowers only or donations to cancer research.

MAGUIRE. – On March 22nd, Sarah Virginia, suddenly but quietly in her sleep Dearly loved younger daughter of Jane and Denis Maguire

MCGRATH – On March 24 1985, suddenly, John Francis, of Reigate, Surrey. Formerly of Bandon Co Cork. Beloved husband of Sally and father of Lucy and Tom. Cremation at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Monday April 1 at 4pm. Flowers if wished to Stonerton Funeral Services, Doman Court, Redhill.

MCHALE – Peacefully in hospital, on 24th March, 1985, Gladys Mabel of Chesilton Queens Park Drive, Crewe. Widow of Cyril McHale MC, solicitor and mother of Ursula and Keith.

MEGRAH. – On 23rd March 1985 in Hospital, Maurice Megrah Q.C. loved friend of Lynne Service Mortlake Crematorium, on Friday 29th March 1985, at 4.30pm No flowers, but donations to Therapy Pool, London Hospital, Whitechapel, E1 Memorial Service to be announced.

MEGRAH – On 23rd March 1985, Maurice Henry Megrah QC, husband of the late Jessie, loved father of Zelda and grandfather of Richard, David Nigel and Peter.

DEATHS

NICKLETHWAIT. – On March 25th in hospital, Gio Micklethwait O.B.E. of The Barn, Hefford, aged 75. Funeral at Manaccan Church, Cornwall, at 2.30 pm on Saturday March 30th. No flowers please, but donations if desired to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock House North, London WC1H 9JE.

SCOTT – Ruth Mary Leng, wife of the late Oliver Stuart Moodie of Calcutta and Dundee, on the 21st of March 1985, at Grahamstown, South Africa

RIVERSCOUGH. – On 17th March Cyril Frederick, suddenly while on holiday. Adored husband of Joy and much loved father of Robert Cherry and Philip Sadly missed by his sisters grandchildren, family and friends. A private funeral has taken place at his request. A memorial Service will be held in St. Patricks Cathedral, Dublin on Monday 22nd April, 1985, at 6.30p.m.

NEWALL-WATSON. – On 24th March peacefully Kathleen Gertrude aged 95 years very dearly loved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and mother-in-law The service will take place at St Nicolas Church, Cheadle on Friday 29th March at 11 45am followed by private cremation Family flowers only please but if desired donations may be sent to Dr Barnardos

ORCHARD. – On 25th March, Nancy Margaret, beloved wife of Ronnie and mother of William and John Funeral at Pulnes, Vale Crematorium, on Monday 1st April at 2.30pm. Inquiries, Hayes (01) 937 0767.

OSMEN. – On March 25, Christina Owen, of Sisley, Gloucestershire, peacefully with her family. Cremation at Eastbrook, near Bradpole, on Thursday, March 28 at 3.30 Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research

PATSTON. – On March 22nd suddenly at home, after a courageous fight against illness Ann, dearly loved daughter of Donald and Margaret sister of Sheila and Peter, mother of Dominic, Sarah and Amanda Funeral at Rudolp Crematorium, 1.45pm Thursday March 28th Family flowers only Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund 26 Victoria Road, Surbiton, Surrey. A Memorial Service will be held later in Chippenham

PHILLIPS. – On 24th March 1985, Leonard Clarence Wood (Cheryl) at home in Oxford after an illness bravely fought, the dearly loved husband of Nellie and very dear father of David and Terry, and very dear grandfather Funeral service at St. Michael at the Northgate Church, on Friday 29th March at 2.15 p.m., followed by private cremation Family flowers only Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London. WC2A 3PX

PIGTO. – On 24th March 1985 peacefully in the Middlesex Hospital, Gladys, widow of Major R J Pinto Funeral 3pm on 27th March at Golders Green Crematorium. Hoop Lane NW11.

POOLE On Saturday March 23rd, Little beloved cousin of Oliver Poole. Funeral Golders Green Crematorium, Monday April 1st at 2.30pm. Flowers to J H Kenyon, 132 Fraser Road, W10

ROPER – On March 24th as the result of an accident Muriel Grace Roper, MA, Oxon (nee Sandwell), widow of Colsburr "Robin" A Roper in Manus Tuas Domine Funeral service at Dorchester Abbey on Friday March 29th at 3.30pm Family flowers only Donations if desired to the Memorial Fund c/o Dorchester Abbey Office

RYCE-RICHARDSON – Peacefully on 22nd March 1985, at her home in Saxmundham Marthe, aged 89 years, wife of the late David, mother of John, David and Helen A dear grandmother and great grandmother Funeral at 2.30pm. Inquiries, Hayes (01) 937 0767.

SPELTON – On March 20 1985, at Hilton Keynes Hospital Mrs Jean Shelton widow of the Reverend John Shelton and mother of Antony and Michael Funeral 2pm Thursday March 28 at St Michael's, Woburn Sands.

SIMSON – Philip Hastings, aged 75, on Saturday, 16th March. Husband of Gaithe, father of Ann 2A Eachard Road Cambridge

TAYLOR – Margaret Irene, wife of the late Bishop Ralph Taylor, peacefully in her sleep on March 25th, in her 87th year. Greatly loved mother, mother-in-law and gt-grandmother and friend of many. Funeral service at Brill Parish Church, on Friday, the 29th at 3.15pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only donations, if desired to the Church Restoration Society. Service of thanksgiving in Oxford to be arranged later.

THOMAS – On March 24th, 1985, peacefully in hospital, Alfred Thomas, aged 79 years, husband of Ivy, father of Jeffrey and Christopher, grandfather of Sarah and Jonathan. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane NW11, at 11.00am on Thursday 28th March. Enquiries to Wm Tookey & Son 01 935 9714

WOODS – On March 19th, in Sussex (nee Berry) and Michael, a son, Adam Nicholas Fullarnes.

WOOD. – On March 20th, to Alice (nee Tanner) and Roger – a son, Joseph.

IN MEMORIAM

MAYSS - Hilary (nee Mayss) Lovingly remembered always and especially today on her birthday, badly missed by us all. Especially Antonia Celia, Emma, many friends and the grandchildren she never knew

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

MISS HELEN SHEPHEARD, Mr Michael Shepheard and Mrs Carolyn Jones (nee Shepheard) wish to thank most sincerely those who sent flowers and so kindly wrote letters of appreciation for the life of the late Kenneth Shepheard

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Today's television and radio programmes

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BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**

6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Selma Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25, 8.55 and 9.18; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; Mike Smith with the new Top Twenty at 7.32; a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, d-i-y advice and tips on healthy eating.

9.20 **Ceefax 10.30 Play School,** presented by Chloe Ashcroft (r) 10.50 **Gharbar.** Magazine programme for Asian women. In this week's edition Surindar Kochar and Parveen Mirzas talk to Sadia Dehlvi, editor of Bano, one of the most successful women's magazines in India. 11.15 **Ceefax.**

12.30 **News After Noon** with Michael Cole and Frances Coverdale. The weather details come from Michael Fish. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One.** Dr David Delvin discusses toxaemia in pregnancy; Michael Smith investigates Marks and Spencer's influence on our diet. with Jane Clubb: Barbara Taylor Bradford, author of A Woman of Substance is in the studio: there is an item on landscape photographer Charlie Waite: and music from The Flying Pickets.1.45 **King Rollo** (r) 1.50 **Bric-a-Brac** with Brian Cant (r) 2.00 **Ceefax** 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 **Play School,** presented by Iain Lauchlan with guest, Sarah Long (r) 4.10 **The Wombles** (r) 4.15 **The Puppy's New Adventures** 4.35 **Jackanory.** William Rushton with part three of The Magic Pudding. 4.50 **Captain Caveman.**

5.00 **Newsround** with Paul McDowell. 5.05 **Seaview.** The sixth and final episode and problems arise at Sandy's birthday party. 5.35 **Grange Hill.** Episode 12 – rehearsal time for the musical, Brighton Rock (Ceefax).

6.00 **News** with Nicholas Witchell and Jeremy Paxman. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** The guests are Lorraine Chase, Christopher Lee, Shirley Conran, Roddy Llewellyn and Richard Dunwoody. Plus two of the songs from the eight striving to be Britain's representative in the Song for Europe contest.

7.40 **Monkey Business.** Natural history quiz. The two captains, Floella Benjamin and Jeremy Cherfas, are joined by Dave Lee Travis, Windsor Davies, Toni Arthur and Mike Stoddart. Presented by Henry Kelly.

8.10 **Dallas.** Jenna is held on suspicion of murdering Naldo (Ceefax).

9.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Conservative Party.

9.05 **News** with John Humphrys.

9.30 **Q.E.D.: The Long Watch.** A documentary tracing the development of radar.

10.00 **Sportsnight** with Harry Carpenter. The Newcastle City Centre 5,000 metres. Sebastian Coe is among the runners in this race through the streets of Newcastle; and highlights from last night's boxing promotion at the Wembley Arena which included bouts featuring Barry McGuigan and Frank Bruno.

11.05 **The Visit: The Boy David Trilogy.** A repeat of the award winning documentary about the young Peruvian boy whose eaten-away face was lovingly reconstructed by distinguished plastic surgeon, Ian Jackson (Ceefax) (see Choice).

12.05 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.15, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 and 9.22; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.19; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop music at 7.54; video report at 8.40; advice on garden ornaments at 9.03. The guests include Jean Anderson and Nigel Rees.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools:** For teachers and parents. 9.35 Children talk about the deaths of their pets. 9.47 Magic and mystery in science. 10.04 Computers. 10.21 Philip Knightley talks about truth in journalism. 10.46 Is there any future in work? 11.00 A glass factory and the art of the glass-blower. 11.22 A Russian version of Thumbelina. 11.39 The General Strike of 1926.

12.00 **Button Moon.** Puppet adventures of the Spoon family. For the very young 12.10 **Our Backyard.** A puncture in the paddling pool (r). 12.30 **Mr and Mrs.** Quiz game for married couples.

1.00 **News at One** and weather. 1.20 **Thames news** with Robin Houston. 1.30 **A Country Practice.** 2.25 **Home Cookery Club.** The recipe for Open Seafood Omelette.

2.30 **On the Market.** Susan Brookes and Trevor Hyett with food buying bargains. The guest cook is Una Stubbs. 3.00 **Gems.** Rag trade drama serial. 3.25 **Thames news headlines.** 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 **Button Moon.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 **Batfink.** 4.20 **The Razzmatazz Rocky Horoscope Show.** Russell Grant and Alastair Pirrie introduce Wham!, Meatloaf, Alison Moyet and the Thompson Twins.

4.45 **Fraggle Rock.** Adventures of a group of creatures who live underneath a lighthouse. 5.15 **Blockbusters.**

5.45 **News. 6.00 Thames news.**

6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Waltham Forest Disablement Information and Advice Line.

6.35 **Crossroads.** Kevin Banks begins a new job.

7.00 **Wish You Were Here . . . ?** The last programme of the series finds Anneka Rice by the Great Barrier Reef; Judith Chalmers in Vienna; and Chris Kelly on Spain's Costa del Sol where he examines how Spanish tour operators are attempting to allay holidaymakers' fears about violence (Oracle).

7.30 **Coronation Street.** Ivy Tilsley accepts a surprise invitation (Oracle).

8.00 **This Is Your Life.** Eamonn Andrews surprises another unsuspecting worthy.

8.30 **There Comes a Time.** Situation comedy series (Oracle).

9.00 **The Last Place on Earth.** The final episode of the drama serial about the race to the South Pole between Captain Scott and Roald Amundsen (Oracle) (see Choice).

10.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Conservative Party.

10.05 **News** and weather.

10.35 **Midweek Sport Special** includes highlights of tonight's World Cup match at Hampden Park between Scotland and Wales, with comment from Bobby Robson; a profile of Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar; and coverage of the British Indoor Bowls Championships.

12.05 **Portrait of a Legend.** James Darren talks to Aretha Franklin.

12.30 **Night Thoughts.**



Leslie Caron: The Contract (Channel 4, 9.00 pm)

CHOICE

● **THE BOY DAVID,** Desmond Wilcox's 1983 documentary about the Scots plastic surgeon who restored a semblance of normality to a Peruvian Indian boy half of whose face had been eaten away by disease, is shown again tonight (BBC 1, 11.05pm), to be followed tomorrow night by its sequel, *Marjorie's Quest,* and, on Friday night, by a new film, *The Adoption,* that brings the lad's heartrending story up to date. I did not see *The Boy David* the first time around, so I welcome this chance to match the film with the praise that has been heaped upon it. It is everything I had been led to expect – a rare combination of bravery and compassion: bravery on the part of the boy who had to put up with 53 operations, and compassion on the part of the surgeon and his wife who, though sometimes beset by doubts about the pain they were expecting the boy to endure and the remote chance of his ever being fully integrated into a society that still equates deformity with mental illness, lovingly received him into their family and made no distinction whatsoever between him and the rest of their children.

● I will say this for Trevor Griffiths: although his script for **THE LAST PLACE ON EARTH** (ITV, 9.00pm) had many lines that sounded as if they had been hacked out of an iceberg with an axe, it never once lost sight of its main objective: to strip the glory from Robert Falcon Scott and give it back to Roald Amundsen, to whom it undeniably belonged anyway. Right up until the very last moment – tonight's episode is the final one – Mr Griffiths has Amundsen sourly contemplating the paradox of Scott's Antarctic *debacle:* "He wins at last" . . . "the glory of self-sacrifice" . . . the blessing of failure", and so on. It is characteristic of Mr Griffiths's shifting of the laurel crown from Scott's brow to Amundsen's, that the last shot tonight is of the Norwegian flag fluttering at the South Pole, not the Union Jack. I doubt if *The Last Place on Earth* will be remembered for its acting or its scripting. Praise should be equally divided between John Coquillon's photography, Trevor Jones's music (the credit wrongly went to Carl Davis in last Sunday's Did You See . . . ?), and director Ferdinand Fairfax's *coups d'oeil* when man and landscape became one in a place where hostile Nature alone holds sway. **Peter Davalle**

BBC 2

6.55 **Open University:** Looking at Poems. Ends at 7.20.

9.00 **Ceefax.**

9.38 **Daytime on Two:** Science – stiff shapes. 10.00 For the very young. 10.15 Maths: the best price. 10.38 Statistics: regression. 11.00 The tale of the Turnip. 11.17 Children's film music. 11.39 Sixth formers talk about marriage.

12.05 **Ceefax.** 12.30 The role of members of parliament. 12.55 Learning English by watching popular television programmes. 1.21 Spanish conversation. 1.38 The woodant and the honey bee. 2.00 The sense of touch. 2.18 How the United States's economic boom affected Greenville, Mississippi. 2.40 Today's travel and the future's (Ceefax).

3.00 **Ceefax.**

5.25 **News** summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.30 **Film: How the West Was Won** (1962). An epic tracing the story of the conquest of the West as seen through the eyes of one pioneer family. A star-studded cast includes Henry Fonda, Lee J. Cobb, Karl Malden, Gregory Peck, James Stewart, Richard Widmark and John Wayne. The five sections of the film are directed by John Ford, George Marshall and Henry Hathaway.

7.55 **Animation Now.** Two offerings – Stephen Leacock's The Awful Fate of Melponemus Jones; and E. Bretislav Pojar's wry study of a totalitarian state.

8.10 **Renoir.** A documentary about the life and achievements of the celebrated Impressionist painter.

9.00 **Oscar.** The second play in John Hawkesworth's trilogy on Oscar Wilde and the Marquis of Queensberry is increasingly outraged with his son's association with Oscar. Oscar, in turn, decides to take the Marquis to court on a charge of criminal libel. But as the trial progresses the tables are turned and it is Oscar who finds himself in the dock (Ceefax).

9.55 **Open Space: It's a RIP Off.** An investigation into the exploitation of the grieving following a death. Stories of undertakers profiteering by overcharging by more than 100 per cent on chipboard coffins; and of children being buried in paupers' graves.

10.35 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Conservative Party.

10.40 **Newsnight** includes a report by David Sells on China's leaders' dreams of transforming their country into a modern industrial society.

11.25 **Weather.**

11.30 **Animation Now.** Two films made by the Dutch animator, Paul Driessen – Home on the Rails and The Same Old Story

11.45 **Open University:** Health and Disease: The Art of Physick. 12.10 Biology: Allostery. Ends at 12.40.

CHANNEL 4

2.35 **Film: Laxdale Hall*** (1952) starring Ronald Squire. Comedy about a group of Hebridean villagers whose refusal to pay their road fund tax until they have a new road provokes a visit by a high-level delegation from Whitehall. Directed by John Eldridge.

4.00 **A Plus 4** presented by Paul Jones. Anna Ford discusses issues raised in her book about men with the programme's regular panel of unemployed people.

4.30 **The People's Court.** Judge Wapner rules on the cases of The Boarder Who Got Bounced and the Barmitzvah Bank That Bowed Out.

5.00 **Alice.** The three waitresses look forward to a weekend in a log cabin but discover it is a little overcrowded.

5.30 **Farming on 4** includes reports from the United States and Ireland on the topic of farm bankruptcies and how the special relationship between land and community make it difficult for banks to foreclose.

6.00 **Danger Man.*** John Drake is commissioned with the task of rescuing an American citizen, accused of spying in a Caribbean city, who has been under house arrest for five years.

6.30 **The Living Body.** The penultimate programme in the series on the inner workings of the human body examines the processes that go on in a body as it nears the end of its life.

7.00 **Channel Four News**

7.50 **Comment.** The political slot this week is filled by Peter Snape, Labour member of parliament for West Bromwich East, who talks about the Transport Bill.

8.00 **The Dragon Has Two Tongues.** Part 12 (of 13) of the history of Wales from two different viewpoints reaches the between-the-wars years.

8.30 **Diverse Reports.** Ken Loach presents a rank-and-file view of the trade unions in the wake of the miners' strike.

9.00 **Film: The Contract** (1980). A made-for-television film, starring Leslie Caron, about a wedding that never was. The bridegroom's father insists that even though the ceremony has been called off the celebrations should go ahead. As the alcohol flows, tongues loosen and social niceties are abandoned. Directed by Krzysztof Zanussi A Polish film with English subtitles.

11.05 **Book Four.** Hermione Lee's guests are E. P. Thompson, Paul Foot and Paul Barker. They discuss the role of polemical writing in the past and the present.

11.35 **Short Circuit.** Roberto Santivanez, former head of El Salvador's intelligence agency, reveals the details surrounding the murder five years ago of Archbishop Romero as he celebrated mass.

12.00 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

On long wave. † Also VHF stereo.

5.55 **Shipping.** 6.00 **News Briefing: Weather.** 6.10 **Farming.** 6.25 **Prayer.**

6.30 **Today,** incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 **News.** 6.45 **Business News.** 6.55, 7.55 **Weather.** 7.00, 8.00 **News.** 7.25, 8.25 **Sport.** 7.45 **Thought for the Day.** 8.35 **Yesterday in Parliament.** 8.57 **Weather: Travel.**

9.00 **News.**

9.05 **Midweek: Libby Purves** and studio guests.†

10.00 **News; Gardeners' Question Time.** Listeners' postbag.

10.30 **Morning Story: 'A Story of Don Juan' by V. S. Pritchett.** Reader: Martin Jarvis.

10.45 **Daily Service** (New Every Morning, page 58).†

11.00 **News; Travel; Work Force.** Brian Redhead talks to Lord Young, Minister with special responsibility for combating unemployment (r).†

11.48 **What's in a Name.** Third of six programmes presented by Dennis Owen.

12.00 **News; You and Yours.** Consumer affairs, with John Howard.

12.27 **Gold of the Conquerors.** Serial in six parts by Colin Shaw (3) 'Ambush' (r).† 12.55 **Weather.**

1.00 **The World At One: News.**

1.35 **A Party Political Broadcast** (by the Conservative Party).

1.40 **The Archers.** 1.55 **Shipping.**

2.00 **News. Woman's Hour.** Today's edition includes an interview with the frequently shocking American comedienne Joan Rivers. Also, the sixth instalment of The Private World of Georgette Heyer.†

3.00 **The Afternoon Play: Working the System,** by Allen Saddler. With Ian Thompson and Howard Goorney. Comedy about local government, a newcomer to it, and an old hand at it.†

3.47 **Time For Verse.** Last of six programmes: 'The Moderns'. Presented by Charles Tomlinson.

4.00 **News; File On 4. Soccer thugs.**

4.40 **Story Time: 'Jennings in Particular'** by Anthony Buckridge (7). Read by the author.

5.00 **PM: News Magazine.** 5.50 **Shipping.** 5.55 **Weather.**

6.00 **The Six O'clock News.**

6.30 **Just a Minute** with Kenneth Williams, Peter Jones, Derek Nimmo, William Franklyn, and Nicholas Parsons.†

7.00 **News.**

7.05 **The Archers.**

7.20 **Ray Gosling in the House of . . . 'Happy Hands'**

7.45 **Books of the Century.** Derek Parker talks to biographer Michael Holroyd about Lytton Strachey's Eminent Victorians.

8.15 **Peacemakers' Paris** by Alison Plowden. The arrival of the Anglo-Prussian forces in 1815.

8.45 **Analysis: Mary Goldring on the Wage Virus.**

9.30 **A Future For Diplomacy?** Simon Jenkins examines the moves for greater integration of the home and overseas civil services.

9.45 **Kaleidoscope.** Painters in the Theatre; and the Design for Dance exhibition in Swansea.

10.15 **A Book At Bedtime: 'The Rich Mrs Robinson'** by Winfred Beechey (8). Read by Pauline Letts. 10.29 **Weather.**

10.30 **The World Tonight.**

11.15 **The Financial World Tonight.**

11.30 **Today in Parliament.** 12.00-12.15 **News; Weather.** 12.33 **Shipping.**

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) – **Radio 4 vhf** is as above, except: 5.55-6.00am **Weather: Travel.** 11.00-12.00 **For Schools:** 11.00 **Singing Together** (20). 11.20 **Junior Drama Workshop.** 11.40 **Contact.** 11.55 **Topic Songbook** (10). 1.55-3.00pm **For Schools:** 1.55 **Listening Corner.** 2.05 **Something to Think about.** 2.15 **Quest.** 2.35 **Pictures in Your Mind: (Poetry).** 2.45 **Nature.** 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 **Study On 4: When Language Breaks Down.** 11.30-12.10am **Open University:** 11.30 **Modern Art: Pissarro.** 11.50 **Education Otherwise.** 12.30-1.10 **Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Software Review** (Primary).

Radio 3

6.55 **Weather.** 7.00 **News.**

7.05 **Your Midweek Choice: Boyce's Fugue in D** (Prospect before us), arranged by Lambert (Royal Opera House orchestra under Irving); **Vaughan Williams's Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus; Turina's Poema en forma de canciones Op 19** (Gomez/Constable); **Haydn's Symphony No 61** (Philharmonia Hungarica/Dorati).† 8.00 **News.**

8.05 **Your Midweek Choice** (cont'd): **Mozart's Sonata in A major, K 331** (Brendel, piano); and **Leopold Kozeluh's Sinfonia Concertante** in E flat major (I Solisti Veneti under Scimone), with solo instrumentalists including Franco Angeleri, piano.† 9.00 **News.**

9.05 **This Week's Composer: Chopin. Impromptu in F sharp Op 36; Ballade in A flat, Op 47; Mazurkas in B flat minor Op 24, No 4; Six Songs from Op 74; and three nocturnes, including the C sharp minor. Op 27, No 1.** The pianists include Magaloff, Richter, Rubinstein, and the soprano includes. Teresa Zylis-Gara.†

10.00 **Dvorak and Smetana: Prazak Quartet play Dvorak's Cypresses 11, VII and XII; and Smetana's Quartet No 1 (From my life).†**

10.40 **Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 3** (played by Wilhelm Kempff and the Berlin PO under Ferdinand Leitner).†

11.20 **Guillaume de Machaut: monophonic and polyphonic works, sung and played by New London Consort under Philip Pickett.**

12.15 **Concert Hall: recital by the Canadian pianist Louis Lorne. His performances of works by Liszt include Trois Etudes de concert, G 144; Apres une lecture du Dante (Années de peregrinage: Deuxieme annee), G 161 No 7.†** 1.00 **News.**

1.05 **Jazz: Recordings made in 1956 and 1958 by the American jazz pianist Bill Evans.†**

1.30 **Matinee Musicale: Bax's The Happy Forest (Ulster Orchestra under Thomson); Leonard Salzedo's Divertimento for Brass (Philip Jones Ensemble); Delius's A Song of Summer (Haife, under Handley); Malcolm Arnold's Brass Quintet (Philip Jones Ensemble); Griffe's The White Peacock (National Philharmonic, under Gerhardt); Bernstein's Three Dance Episodes from On the Town (New York PO under the composer).†**

2.30 **Beethoven: Christopher Kite (fortepiano) plays the Sonata in F minor, Op 57 (Appassionata); and Variations and Fugue in E flat Op 35.†**

3.15 **Sir Arthur Bliss: Royal Liverpool PO under Groves play the Processional; and West Australian SO under Schonzeler play the Five Dances from Checkmate.†**

4.00 **Choral Evensong: from Chelmsford Cathedral – live.†** 4.55 **News.**

5.00 **Mainly for Pleasure: another of John Boyden's selections of music.†**

6.30 **Debut: Paul Silverthorne (viola) and John Bingham (piano). Brahms's Sonata in E flat, Op 120 No 2; and Elisabeth Lutyens's Echo of the wind, for viola.**

7.00 **Oblomov, Ivan Goncharov's comic novel, dramatized by Matthew Walters from Ann Dunnigan's translation. With James Fox as the bone-idle smallholder, and Alan Bennett as the Narrator. With Nicky Henson, John Baddeley and Moir Leslie (r).**

8.50 **Hans Werner Henze: Kammermusik, 1958. With Philip Langridge (tenor), Timothy Walker (guitar), London Sinfonietta (under Pay).†**

9.40 **Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. With Angus McDermid.**

10.00 **Delme String Quartet: Richard Wilson's Quartet No 3; and Brahms's Quartet in A minor, Op 51 No 2.†**

11.00 **Manchester Chamber Concert: Britten's Noye's Fludde. Member of the BBC Philharmonic (under Brewer), with Pupils of Chetham's School of Music, and John Westbrook, Michael George, Mary King.†**

11.57 **News. Until 12.00.**

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S Africa police hold 239 marchers

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

Cape Town police yesterday arrested 239 people of all races, including leading churchmen and civil rights activists, as they tried to march to the South African Parliament to present a list of demands for reform to Government ministers.

Clashes between police and rioters also continued to be reported from black townships in many parts of the country, from the troubled Eastern Cape, where more than 33 people have now died in less than a week, to Orange Free State and southern Transvaal.

Among those arrested were Dr Allan Boesak, a mixed-race Coloured, and Dr Beyers Naude, a white Afrikaner, both of whom are ministers in the Dutch Reformed Church and prominent figures in the United Democratic Front, a broad multiracial alliance of extra-Parliamentary anti-apartheid groups.

Another well known personality held was Mrs Sheena Duncan, the president of the Black Sash, a liberal group run mainly by white women which tries to help blacks fight for their rights.

All those arrested were released last night after being given the option of admitting guilt and paying a fine of 50 rand (£23) or appearing in court today on charges under the Internal Security Act. Most chose to appear in court.

The marchers had attended a church service in Cape Town's main Methodist church in memory of the 19 black men, women and children shot dead by police near Uitenhage in the Eastern Cape last Thursday.

Dr Naude and Dr Boesak then linked arms with other clergymen and protesters and set off for Parliament, followed by some 200 to 300 of the 600 people of all races.

All roads leading to the Parliament were closed by the police and after the marchers had gone about 600 yards they were halted and given 15 minutes to disperse. The protesters knelt on the pavement, prayed and sang.

Police vans drew up and many of the protesters were bundled into them.

Hollywood's symphony of Oscars for Amadeus



The triumphant *Amadeus* team in Hollywood clutching three of their eight Oscars. From left, director Milos Forman, actor F. Murray Abraham and producer Saul Zaentz.



Dr Haing Ngor, a winner from *The Killing Fields*.



Dame Peggy Ashcroft, best supporting actress.



Cary Grant (left) presenting an honorary award to James Stewart to mark a distinguished acting career.

From Ivor Davis
Hollywood

Amadeus, the lush and ambitious film that pitted the scheming and mediocre composer Salieri against the genius of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, proved that even Hollywood can appreciate the finer things of life.

Peter Shaffer's screenplay based on his hit play, swept Monday night's 57th Academy Awards, collecting eight top Oscars.

Amadeus monopolized the evening, picking up golden statuettes for best actor (F. Murray Abraham as Salieri), best director (Czech film maker Milos Forman), best film, best screenplay and four other trophies.

British director David Lean had to be content with two Oscars for his *Passage To India*, based on the E. M. Forster novel. They went to Dame Peggy Ashcroft, best supporting actress, and composer Maurice Jarre. Otherwise Sir David leaves Hollywood empty-handed despite critical acclaim from the film community.

The other major award went to Sally Field, the hot favourite for best actress in *Places in the Heart*. An emotional winner was Cambodian Dr Haing Ngor, judged best supporting actor for his film debut in *The Killing Fields*. He played the Cambodian press colleague of a *New York Times* correspondent trapped in Cambodia after the takeover by the Khmer Rouge, a role that paralleled Ngor's personal experience before he fled South-east Asia.

Forman particularly relished his triumph because much of *Amadeus* was shot in his native Czechoslovakia after a long battle with Prague to get a visa.

He pointed out that the film was made by "English, American, French, Italian and Czechoslovakians – and nine translators."

Amadeus, which has not yet been shown in Czechoslovakia, provided a tour de force role for the virtually unknown Abrahan, born in El Paso, Texas, of a Syrian father and Spanish mother. He played the jealous Salieri from his younger days to a bitter old age. Tom Hulce as Mozart was also a contender for best actor, as was Albert Finney for *Under the Volcano*.

Both Forman and writer Shaffer talked about the film's across-the-board appeal to young and old. Teenagers admired Mozart's maverick qualities while adults loved the music, the philosophy and the Machiavellian Salieri.

Shaffer, who wrote over 30 versions of *Amadeus*, said: "It is most gratifying that young kids who didn't know classical music discovered that it is eternal not just ephemeral."

Forman, who first saw *Amadeus* staged in London and struggled for three years to make it into a film said: "I felt affinity for both Mozart and Salieri. There is a bit of Mozart in each of us – and I daresay quite a bit of Salieri too.

"It's alright not to be a genius as long as you try."

British film editor Jim Clark collected an Oscar for his work in *The Killing Fields*. He said: "I'm delighted. We contributed something to humanity. That's what David Puttnam (producer) set out to do."



Sally Field, best actress for *Places in the Heart*.

The awards in full

Oscar winners at the fifty seventh annual Academy Awards ceremony:
Picture: *Amadeus*
Actor: F. Murray Abraham, *Amadeus*
Actress: Sally Field, *Places in the Heart*
Director: Milos Forman, *Amadeus*
Supporting Actor: Haing S. Nor, *The Killing Fields*
Supporting Actress: Dame Peggy Ashcroft, *A passage to India*
Foreign-language film: *Dangerous Moves* (Switzerland)
Original song: "I just called to say I love you", *The Woman in Red*
Original screenplay: Robert Benton, *Places in the Heart*
Screenplay adaptation: Peter Shaffer, *Amadeus*
Documentary short subject: *The Stone Carvers*
Documentary feature: *The Times of Harvy Milk*
Makeup: *Amadeus*
Sound: *Amadeus*
Cinematography: Chris Mangus, *The Killing Fields*
Art direction: *Amadeus*
Visual effects: *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*
Original score: Maurice Jarre, *A Passage to India*
Original song score or adaptation score: Prince, *Purple Rain*
Costume design: *Amadeus*
Film editing: *The Killing Fields*
Animated short film: *Charade*
Live action short film: *Up*
Jean Hersholt award: Producer David Wolper
Special achievement, sound effects editing: Kay Rose, *The River*
Gordon E. Sawyer technical award: Linwood Dunn, special effects cameraman.
Honorary award: James Stewart
Honorary award: National Endowment for the Arts.

Kremlin blames US for death of major

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nature" of such actions. The tragic outcome of Sunday's incident was "regrettable", but the entire responsibility lay with the American side.

Tass said the Kremlin had instructed the Soviet Embassy in Washington to lodge a strong protest with the State Department and demand that the United States fully comply with the 1947 agreement on military missions in future.

Until the shooting, Soviet officials had expressed hope of a Soviet-American *rapprochement* and had cautiously welcomed proposals for a summit between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov. Sources indicated yesterday that this remained the Soviet attitude.

Further clues to Moscow's policy are expected to emerge in two weeks when Mr. Tip O'Neill, Speaker of the US House of Representatives, is to visit Moscow with an American congressional delegation. *Diplomats said the Kremlin's view* appeared to be that the Geneva arms talks had overriding importance.

● WASHINGTON: The shooting of Major Nicholson, will not affect America's approach to the Geneva arms talks (Christopher Thomas writes). The Administration is determined that the incident should not disrupt their momentum or damage the prospects of a summit.

Indeed, President Reagan said the incident made him more anxious for a summit. Administration officials hope that the two leaders will meet in the autumn. Mr Reagan's official response to the killing of Major Nicholson has been decidedly moderate.

Administration officials in Washington are resisting comparisons with the Korean airlines incident in September 1983. The shooting down of the jet by the Russians, with the loss of 269 lives, was described by the Administration at the time as a barbaric act.

In Luxembourg Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Secretary of Defence, said yesterday that to "shoot first and ask questions later" was a sign of the *meniality that led to the* shooting down of the airliner (Frederick Bonnart writes).

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Princess of Wales attends a buffet lunch given by the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf, Fishmongers' Hall, EC4, 12.45.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, attends a concert at The Royal Academy of Music, 7.05.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, attends the annual conference of the Council for Education in World Citizenship, University of London, 10.15.

The Duchess of Kent visits British Aerospace at Filton, 11.10; and later visits the Cancer Help Centre, Grove House, Cornwallis Grove, Clifton, 2.15 and St Peter's Lodge, Knowle, Bristol, 3.15.

Exhibitions in progress

Three Decades of British Painting: *Turner House, Plymouth Road, Penarth*: Tues to Sat 11 to 12.45 and 2 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends March 31).

Dutch landscape paintings: Rembrandt and his contemporaries; Graham Robertson Room, Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington St, Cambridge: Tues to Sat 2 to 5, Sun 2.15 to 5 (ends June 30).

Christian Heritage Scotland; Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends June 1).

Towards a landscape: sculpture by David Mach; Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford: Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends April 7).

Portraits of craftsmen by Adrian Ford; Allen Gallery, Church Street, Alton: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sat for lunch 12 to 1, closed Sun. (ends Apr 20).

Flowerpieces: screenprints by Derrick Greaves; *Havant Museum*, East St: Tues to Sat 10 to 5 Sun and Mon closed. (ends Apr 20)

Anatolian Encounters: photographs of a journey across the Turkish Plateau; Willis Museum, Old Town Hall, Market Pl, Basingstoke: Tues to Fri 10 to 5, sat 10 to 4 and closed Sun and Mon. (ends Apr 20).

Northern Lights, Watercolours, Art Gallry, Civic Centre, Southampton, Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 5, Closed Mon (ends Apr 28).

The Wasteland: a portfolio of photographs by Ron McCormick; Andover Museum, Church Cl, Tues to Sat 10 to 5, and closed Sun and Mon. (ends Apr 20).

The Face of Nature: Landscape drawings from the permanent collection; National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 10 to 2 (ends Apr 28).

Salisbury Then and Now: A portrait of the city in old and new photographs; Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, the King's House, 65, the Close, Salisbury, Wilts; Mon to Sat 10 to 4 (10 to 5 during Apr) closed Sun (ends Apr 13).

Last chance to see

Work by Barry Cullen, John Wheeldon, Daphne Garritt, Phil Greenwood: Long Street Gallery, 50 Long St, Tetbury, Glos, 10 to 1 and 2 to 5.30.

Music

Concert by the Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra; Congress Theatre, Eastbourne, 7.30.

Piano recital by Peter Donohoe; St. David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Norwich High School concert; Norwich Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by the Bridge Piano Trio; Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Rd, Doncaster, 1.

Concert by the Budapest String Trio; Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Glasgow, 7.45.

Concert by the Goldberg Ensemble; Town Hall, Chester, 7.30.

General

Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition: Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Rd, London, SW5; daily 10 to 8 (until arch 31).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Local Government Bill, report, first allotted day.

Lords (2.30): Debate on the railways; on starvation in the third world; and on disarmament.

Portfolio

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New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Firing Line, by Richard Holmes (Cape, £12.95)
French Cinema, by Roy Armes (Secker & Warburg, £12.95, paperback £5.95)
In the Presence of the Creator, Isaac Newton and His Times, by Gale E. Christianson (Collier Macmillan, £18.95)
Longman History of the United States, by Hugh Brogan (Longman, £9.95)
New Jerusalems, The Labour Party and the Economics of Democratic Socialism, by *Elizabeth Durbin* (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £16.95)
Remote People, by Evelyn Waugh (Duckworth, £9.95, Penguin, £2.95)
The Dividing Muse, Images of Sacred Disjunction in Milton's Poetry, by Sanford Budick (Yale, £18)
The Englishwoman's Bedroom, edited by Elizabeth Dickson (Chatto & Windus, £14.95)
The Parish, by John Clare, edited by Eric Robinson (Viking, £10)
The Philippines After Marcos, edited by R. J. May & Francisco Nemenzo (Crook Helm, £17.95) PH

Roads

Wales and West: A48: Westbound lanes closed between Cardiff and Bridgend, on Western Avenue, Ely, Cardiff, South Glamorgan; temporary lights between St Nicholas and Cowbridge. A419: Contraflow on the Stratton by- pass, Swindon. A419: Temporary traffic signals in use during the day near Stroud between Stonehouse and junction 13 of the M5.

The North: M62: Lane closures between junctions 11 and 12 Greater Manchester effecting both carriageways. A49: Temporary lights and diversions on Scotland Rd, Warrington. A66: Construction work with temporary lights at Thorpe Bank, Greta Bridge, co Durham.

Scotland: (City of Aberdeen): Width of Great Northern Rd restricted at Don St. A94: Single line traffic with temporary lights between 9 am and 4 pm at Forfar. A929: Single line traffic with lights between 9 am and 4 pm on Dundee Rd, Forfar.

Information supplied by the AA

Anniversaries

Births: Alfred de Vigny, poet, Loches, France, 1797; Wilhelm Conrad von Röntgen, physicist, discoverer of X-rays, Nobel laureate 1901, Lennep, Germany, 1845; Heinrich Mann, novelist, Lubeck, Germany, 1871.

Deaths: James VI of Scotland (from 1567) and James I of Great Britain (1603-25), Theobalds, Hertfordshire, 1625; Giovanni Tiepolo, painter, Madrid, 1770; Sir George Gilbert Scott, architect (Albert Memorial, St Pancras Hotel), London, 1878; John Bright, politician, Rochdale, Lancashire, 1889; Arnold Bennett, London, 1931; Michael Joseph Savage, Prime Minister of New Zealand, 1935-40, Wellington, New Zealand, 1940.

The papers

The Daily Mirror says: "The refusal of back-to-work miners to support comrades sacked by the coal board is one of the most astonishing decisions in the history of trade unionism." It adds: "The verdict of the ballot is a verdict against violence and against the disrepute which violence brought upon mining communities and the union. Even more, it is a verdict upon the leadership of the NUM in general and Mr Scargill in particular."

The Daily Star says that the result of the miners' ballot on a 50p levy for sacked miners "represents a crushing humiliation" for the NUM leadership, and a "vote against violence".

The Daily Express, commenting on the result of the miners' ballot, says: "The vote was not really about whether to raise a 50p levy for men sacked during the strike. It was a retrospective judgment on that strike."

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.745	1.665
Austria Sch	27.60	26.20
Belgium Fr	78.70	75.20
Canada $	1.69	1.61
Denmark Kr	14.12	13.42
Finland Mkk	8.18	7.78
France Fr	11.85	11.44
Germany DM	3.915	3.735
Greece Dr	176.00	165.00
Hong Kong $	9.55	8.95
Ireland Pt	1.263	1.203
Italy Lire	2,490.00	2,370.00
Japan Yen	315.00	299.00
Netherlands Gld	4.44	4.22
Norway Kr	11.33	10.78
Portugal Esc	216.00	204.00
South Africa Rd	2.80	2.40
Spain Pta	214	204
Sweden Kr	11.24	10.74
Switzerland Fr	3.325	3.165
USA $	1.235	1.175
Yugoslavia Dnr	281.00	265.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 362.7.

London: The FT Index closed down 7.9 at 982.0.

Snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Andermatt	35	220	good	varied	good	fine.	8
Slushy snow on lower runs							
Andorra-Soldeu	80	180	good	varied	closed	cloud	3
Icy in morning							
Courmayeur	180	400	good	heavy	fair	fine	11
Lower slopes patchy							
Grindelwald	20	110	fair	varied	fair	cloud	10
Good skiing above 1500m							
Isola 2000	180	230	good	good	good	fine	1
Runs smooth, south slopes soft in pm							
La Plagne	130	240	good	varied	good	fine	10
Good piste skiing							
Leysin	30	90	fair	varied	poor	cloud	10
Spring skiing, no queues							
Murren	60	225	good	fair	fair	fine	3
Slush on lower slopes							
Tignes	110	175	good	powder	good	fine	0
Good skiing still available							
Val Thorens	140	290	good	crust	fair	sun	−6
Good piste skiing							
Zermatt	40	150	ice	good	poor	sun	5
New snow, high winds							

In the above report, supplied by the Ski Club of Great Britain representatives, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. Other snow reports, page 27.

Weather forecast

An area of low pressure in the North Sea will move away slowly E; a ridge of high pressure will develop to the W of Britain; cold N airflow will extend across all areas.

6am to midnight

London, SE, E England, East Anglia: Rather cloudy with some rain at first, turning showery; wind N moderate becoming fresh; max temp 7C (45F).

Central S, SW England, Channel Islands, S Wales: Rather cloudy, sunny intervals developing, scattered showers, turning wintry; wind N fresh; max temp 8C (46F).

Midlands, N Wales, NW, Central N, NE England, Lake District: Sunny intervals, scattered wintry showers; wind N fresh or strong; max temp 6C (43F).

Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, sleet or snow showers; wind N strong; max temp 5C (41F).

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, snow showers, heavy in places with drifting; wind N strong locally gale force; max temp 3C (37F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Sunny intervals and wintry showers, dying out later in the W and S; windy in the N at first; cold with widespread night frost.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind moderate N backing NW strong, rain then wintry showers; visibility moderate or poor becoming mainly good; sea slight becoming rough. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind N fresh to strong, rain then showers; visibility moderate or poor becoming good; sea moderate to rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind N strong becoming moderate, showers, becoming wintry over Irish Sea; visibility mainly good; sea rough becoming slight.

Sun rises: 5.48 am Sun sets: 6.25 pm
Moon sets: 12.05 am Moon rises: 8.00 am
First quarter: March 29.

Lighting-up time

London 6.55 pm to 5.15 am
Bristol 7.05 pm to 5.25 am
Edinburgh 7.11 pm to 5.24 am
Manchester 7.05 pm to 5.22 am
Penzance 7.15 pm to 5.36 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c	7	45	Guernsey	r	9	48
Birmingham	c	6	43	Inverness	c	4	39
Blackpool	f	7	45	Jersey	c	9	48
Bristol	r	5	41	London	r	6	43
Cardiff	r	5	41	Manchester	c	9	48
Edinburgh	f	7	45	Newcastle	c	7	45
Glasgow	f	9	48	Ronaldsway	f	7	45

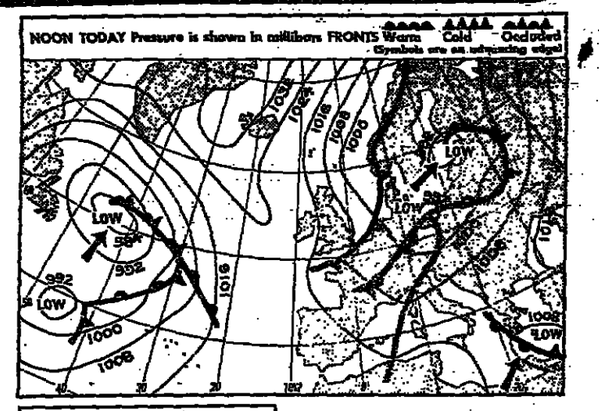
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 92 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.46in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 999.1 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Guernsey, 0.67in; highest sunshine: Anglesey, 10.3hr.

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b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.55	6.6	5.16	6.5
Aberdeen	4.24	3.6	4.38	3.6
Avonmouth	10.13	11.3	10.17	11.0
Belfast	2.18	2.9	2.33	2.9
Cardiff	9.58	10.6	10.02	10.3
Devonport	8.26	4.8	8.41	4.8
Dover	1.38	6.0	1.59	5.7
Falmouth	7.56	4.6	8.11	4.6
Glasgow	3.58	4.4	4.17	4.4
Harwich	2.42	3.7	3.07	3.5
Holyhead	1.14	4.9	1.34	4.8
Hull	9.22	8.5	9.42	8.4
Ilfracombe	8.56	7.8	9.05	7.7
Leith	5.48	4.7	6.0	4.7
Liverpool	2.01	8.3	2.22	8.2
Lowestoft	12.21	2.2	12.50	2.0
Margate	2.54	4.4	3.15	4.3
Milford Haven	8.15	6.0	8.27	5.9
Newquay	8.08	6.1	8.21	6.0
Oban	8.28	3.4	8.41	3.3
Penzance	7.21	4.8	7.47	4.8
Portland	9.32	1.5	9.42	1.5
Portsmouth	2.24	4.2	2.44	4.0
Shoreham	1.49	5.4	2.09	5.3
Southampton	1.48	4.1	2.09	4.0
Swansea	9.21	8.3	9.31	8.2
Tees	6.50	4.6	7.06	4.6
Walton-on-Naze	2.39	3.6	3.0	3.7

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	4.1	.10	8	46	Sunny
Bridlington	7.8	.01	8	46	Sunny
Cromer	–	.06	7	45	Cloudy
Lowestoft	0.2	.12	6	43	Cloudy
Clacton	–	.50	7	45	Rain pm
Margate	*	.21	6	43	Rain
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	–	.22	7	45	Rain
Hastings	–	.21	7	45	Rain
Eastbourne	–	.22	8	46	Rain
Brighton	–	.40	7	45	Rain
Worthing	–	.39		45	Rain
Littlehmptn	–				
Bognor R	–	.28	7	45	Rain
Southsea	–	.41	7	45	Rain
Sandown	0.5	.28	8	46	Rain
Shanklin	0.2	.31	9	48	Rain
Bournemth	–	.33	8	46	Rain
Poole	–	.22	8	46	Rain
Swanage	0.1	.25	8	46	Cloudy
Weymouth	–	.38	8	46	Showers am
Exmouth	–	.27	7	45	Rain
Teignmouth	–	.30	8	46	Showers
Torquay	–	.19	8	46	Rain
Falmouth	8.5	.06	9	48	Bright
Penzance	0.8	.07	6	46	Dull
Jersey	1.4	.44	10	50	Showers
Guernsey	1.0	.67	11	52	Rain
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	1.0	.02	9	48	Cloudy
Newquay	–	.13	8	46	Showers am

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Ilfracombe		.10	7	45	Dull
Teeby	1.7	–	8	46	Cloudy
Colwyn Bay	4.5	–	7	45	Sunny pm
Southport	4.0	.01	10	50	Sunny am
Morecambe	7.8	–	10	50	Sunny
Douglas	9.2	–	9	48	Sunny
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	–	.45	6	43	Rain
B'ham (Airpt)	–	.02	7	45	Showers
Bristol (Ctrl)	–	.46	6	43	Rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	–	.18	6	43	Rain
Anglesey	10.3	–	10	50	Sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	5.0	.01	10	50	Showers pm
Manchester	3.7	–	10	50	Bright
Nottingham	0.1	–	8	46	Cloudy
N'cstl-n-Tyne	6.4	–	8	46	Cloudy am
Carlisle	7.6	–	10	50	Bright
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	5.4	.06	7	45	Hail pm
Prestwick	3.5	.05	9	48	Showers am
Glasgow	4.4	.09	9	48	Hail pm
Tiree	9.8	–	8	46	Sunny
Stornoway	3.2	.17	6	43	Hail pm
Lerwick	3.0	.06	6	43	Hail pm
Wick	3.8	.06	6	43	Showers pm
Kinloss	3.2	.19	8	46	Hail
Aberdeen	3.3	.05	9	48	Showers
St. Andrews	1.6	.13	7	45	Showers pm
Edinburgh	4.3	.04	9	48	Showers pm
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	5.9	–	9	48	Bright

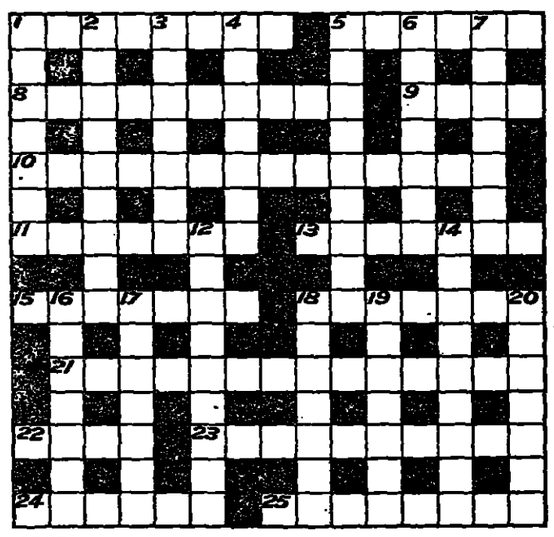
Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	s	15	59	Cologne	c	9	48	Rome	s	18	61
Akrotiri	s	18	64	Copenhgn	c	4	39	Salzburg	s	15	59
Alexandria	s	23	73	Corfu	c	17	63	Sao Paulo*	c	29	84
Algiers *	r	15	59	Dublin	o	8	46	Melbourne	s	21	70
Amsterdam	c	6	43	Dubrovnik	f	14	57	Mexico C*	f	21	70
Athens	s	18	64	Faro	s	17	63	Miami *	s	27	81
Bahrain	s	22	72	Florence	s	16	61	Milan	c	13	55
Barbados*	f	28	82	Frankfurt	r	10	50	Montreal*	s	0	32
Barcelona	s	18	64	Funchal	f	18	64	Moscow	s	5	41
Beirut	s	18	64	Geneva	f	12	54	Munich	s	14	57
Belgrade	s	18	61	Gibraltar	s	19	66	Nairobi	f	27	81
Berlin	r	11	52	Helsinki	sn	1	34	Naples	s	18	64
Bermuda *	f	19	66	Hong Kong	c	22	72	New Delhi	s	32	90
Biarritz	s	16	61	Innsbruck	s	14	57	New York *	s	6	43
Bologna	r	7	45	Istanbul	c	10	50	Nice	s	14	57
Bordeaux	c	12	54	Jeddah	s	30	86	Oslo	c	3	37
Brussels	c	10	50	Jo'burg				Paris	r	10	50
Budapest	s	14	57	Karachi	s	29	84	Peking	c	10	50
Buen Aires *	f	28	73	Las Palmas	s	21	70	Perth	s	39	102
Cairo	s	26	79	Lisbon	f	15	59	Prague	c	11	52
Cape Tn	s	24	75	Locarno	f	11	52	Reykjavik	s	−1	30
C'blanca	s	16	61	L. Angeles*	c	15	59	Rhodes	c	18	61
Chicago*	c	5	43	Luxembg	c	8	46	Riyadh	s	33	91
Ch'church*	s	15	59	Madrid	s	13	55	Rio de Jan	c	26	79

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

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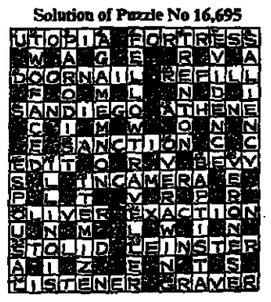
ACROSS

1 In a position to provide an example (8).
5 Wet seafood – Gosh! (6).
8 One who asks little abroad, one US city to go round (10).
9 Roguish Frenchman left at the beginning of the month (4).
10 No lack of assurance when off-licence ends in disaster (4-10).
11 Pay – mine's about to finish (7).
13 Upset by cloth with stains (7).
15 Woman in time becomes mean (7).
18 Girl in the swim, back in shape (7).
21 Arrived in time for race and was a pace-setter (4,3,7).
22 A mere game (4).
23 Turn against one (10).
24 Hired Henry as a killer (6).
25 Titles always found in parts of books (8).

DOWN

1 One lawgiver accepts origin of poetic lays (7).
2 Attendant, an archer, is in place (9).
3 Recital is arranged for a particular object (7).
4 Sang about one among the staff (7).
5 But not necessarily a woman of straw at harvest-time (4-5).
6 In conflict with military commander in a way (7).
7 Regicide was blessed if he could say "Amen"! (7).
12 Nearly measure up everyone by evening (9).
14 Joining in, in search procedure (9).
16 Leave state to a large deer . . . (7).
17 . . . another being a Yuletide pathfinder (7).
18 Charge a penny before nurse comes in (7).
19 Give voice to a private grudge (7).
20 Turn aside to seek information concerning ship (7).

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